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There WILL be Christmas lights

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A 'TRUCE' has been called and those involved with Christmas lights in Axminster will forget the past and look to the future.

New volunteers emerged at a public meeting and their task is two-fold: come up with a makeshift arrangement for this year and implement a long-term plan, including a fundraising strategy.

Town mayor and Axminster Christmas Lights Association (ACLA) chairman Paul Hayward oversaw the public meeting on November 28th to clarify the Christmas lights situation and find a way forward.

The meeting, attended by the group in charge of Christmas lights in Honiton, was called in response to speculation on social media as to why Axminster again looked set to go without Christmas lights.

Axminster Chamber of Commerce traditionally provided Christmas lights in the town. But that changed when a previous regime of the chamber allocated £3,500 to the newly-started Axminster Christmas Lights Association (ACLA) in early 2015.

The decision was widely questioned, and was made when it looked as if the chamber would be closed down.

ACLA subsequently failed to raise the extra money required for a traditional display last year, and there was no indication that money had been raised for this year.

At the November 28th meeting, Mr Hayward explained that two of the four ACLA members had moved away from the town, the remaining two having been very busy with their respective jobs.

At this point he looked at current chamber of commerce chairman Shane Morgan, who appeared unhappy with ACLA's performance, and said: "You can pull that face, Shane. If you want to dwell on the past, Shane, I have a box full [referring to a box of Christmas lights paperwork on his desk]."

The meeting continued and the outcome is that several people came forward to help.

They will have their first meeting on December 8th and, in the meantime, they are inspecting Christmas tree brackets on shop fronts.

The aim is to offer traders Christmas trees dressed with LED lights, to ensure an element of festiveness this year.

Mr Hayward issued a statement after the meeting, saying: "We are delighted that a vibrant and enthusiastic group of local residents have joined us in our efforts to ensure that Axminster is illuminated at Christmas time.

"We all agreed that, in order to move forward, the disagreements and arguments that have gone before must be laid to rest so that everyone in the town – businesses, residents, community groups and the town council – can work together for the common goal of providing an ever improving annual display that we can all be rightly proud of.

"More than 40 people attended and a further meeting has been arranged for December 8th so that new volunteers can capitalise on this positive momentum, can discuss how monies can be raised, how public enthusiasm can be maintained and multiplied, and how bridges can be swiftly rebuilt so that no fundraising group ever again finds itself at odds with another.

"It is clear that the people of Axminster, be they young or old, want to see Christmas lights all over the town centre and so we, and any newly formed group, will liaise closely to bring this vision to fruition.

"If you are able to assist in any way, or to make a donation, or to spread awareness of the campaign, we welcome you with open arms, and a warm smile."

Mr Hayward also said that what is happening is a work in progress and that the picture should be a lot clearer after the December 8th meeting.

He later reported that the Symes family has donated two Christmas trees, one for inside the church and one for Minster Green.

Mervyn Symes said: "Many thanks goes to Lisa Fiffer for the decoration of the trees.

"Our thanks also go to Anthony O'Treba and Simon Pike, both electricians, who gave up their Sunday to arrange the lights for the outside Christmas tree.

"We are, as a small group, looking at the possibility of taking on the dressing of the Minster Green for Christmas 2017."

TREES: Mervyn Symes

● AS IS the norm, Axminster Town Council is providing lights for two existing trees on Minster Green, which will be lit on Festive Friday, December 9th.

In addition, Trinity House has already switched on its own Christmas lights display, and some other businesses have their own trees and window displays.

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HEALTH MATTERS

Funds for mums with mental health issues

FUNDING to provide increased support for pregnant women and new mums suffering mental illness has been welcomed by health bosses across Devon.

NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon (NHS NEW Devon) is among 20 areas in the UK to receive a share of £40million to fund new specialist community mental health services for mums in the immediate run up to and after birth, and help reach 30,000 more women a year by 2021.

A further £20m will be allocated next year.

Simon Stevens, chief executive of NHS England, announced the funding at a national Mind conference last week and said it will see new or bigger teams in those areas providing specialist care for all new and expectant mums with severe mental ill health like severe post-natal depression.

It will fund new perinatal consultants, specialist nurses, occupational therapists, psychologists and nursery nurses as well as community peer support for mums, babies and families.

David McAuley, interim head of commissioning for NHS NEW Devon CCG, said: "The development of these services will make a real difference to new and expectant mothers with mental health issues and their families and will ensure that those who need speedy access to treatment and support are able to access it in a timely manner.

"The new services will provide specialist, evidence-based treatment for a wide range of conditions, and will help mothers and families recover from mental ill health whilst supporting them to become more effective parents.

"The success of this bid is due in part to successful collaboration between providers and commissioners spanning organisational and geographical boundaries."

Dr Jo Black, of Devon Partnership NHS Trust, which provides mental health and learning disability services across Devon and Torbay, added: "NHS England has recently announced that it will also fund a specialist mother and baby unit in the south west, for women with mental health needs, and we are doing everything possible to ensure that this this much-needed new facility is located in Devon."

OPENING: Neil Bizzell, Owen Hammett, Bill Sivewright, Ken Wenman, Roger Morgan (DSAA Chairman of Trustees), Dr. Phil Hyde, Dr. Ian Mew and Paul Owen

New ambulance training unit

DORSET and Somerset Air Ambulance has opened a clinical training facility at its Henstridge base.

The new facility also includes an aviation planning room, improved clinical storage and crew rest facilities.

Funding for the project was provided last year by Association of Air Ambulances Charity (AAAC) after £5 million was allocated from the Banking Fines Fund (LIBOR) by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, in support of UK's air ambulances.

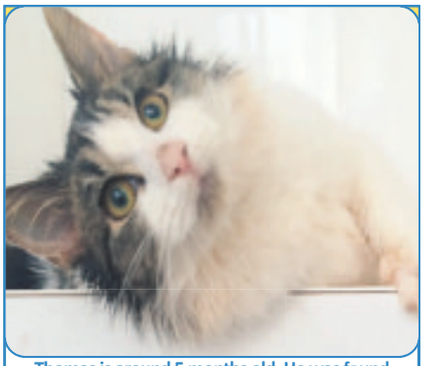
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance received a slice of that money and CEO Bill Sivewright said: "We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to so many people.

"To our landlords, Geoff Jarvis and Losan Ltd, for giving us the opportunity to further enhance the hangar that they so generously provide to the charity.

"To Babcock International, who, as well as supporting our flying operations, brought their wider industry expertise to bear and manage the build project.

"To the AAAC for helping to secure and distribute the funds and to South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for their enduring support to the charity's operations, especially during a significant period of change.

"Finally, to the air ambulance crew who have lived through a great deal of disruption with patience and flexibility and have done so without any drop in the life-saving service provided to the people of Dorset and Somerset."



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Hospital beds body 'spends £41k a month on leadership review'

By PHILIP EVANS and PETER HODGES

THE NHS body responsible for closing community hospital beds in East Devon is spending £41,400 a month on "developing leadership capabilities," it has been alleged this week.

A letter has been sent to the NHS Northern Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group by the East Devon Group of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The letter, dated December 1st, to Mrs Angela Pedder, the Lead Chief Executive of the CCG's Success Regime, asked her to confirm that the CCG had instructed Carnall Farrar Ltd to undertake the work.

The letter, signed by the chairman and vice-chairman of the East Devon Group CPRE, Dr Margaret Hall, and Mr T.J.W. Hale, also questioned the impartiality of Dame Ruth Carnall, who is chairman of the Success Regime but also a director and shareholder of Carnall Farrar Ltd.

"This would appear to be a clear conflict of interest, affecting all parties, which alone could be sufficient to justify a judicial review of the outcome of this consultation," said the letter.

Neil Parish: The CCG should be spending as little as possible on consultancy

The letter goes on to say that to overcome this difficulty it would be appropriate for Dame Ruth to resign as chairman and for Carnall Farrar Ltd's contract to be terminated

The Success Regime was set up as one of three areas in the UK where there were deep rooted financial problems in delivering health services.

It was introduced in Devon following a forecast of a £40 million deficit for 2014-15 increasng to £87 million in 2015-16 (see below).

The letter from the East Devon-Group CPRE was also sent to East Devon MPs Neil Parish and Sir Hugo Swire.

Sir Hugo Swire: Declined to comment until he had read the letter

Mr Parish commented: "It is vital the CCG gets the best value possible when spending taxpayers' money."

"At a time when the CCG are consulting on closing community hospital beds across East Devon, they should be spending as little as possible on consultancy fees and ploughing as much money as possible into frontline care."

Sir Hugo declined to comment until he had the opportunity to study the letter.

We have sought a response from the CCG but they failed to meet our deadline.

We asked them to confirm the following:

◆ That the monthly consultancy fee is £41,400?

◆ How long has that monthly fee been paid?

◆ How long will the monthly fee be paid?

◆ Is there a conflict of interest with Dame Ruth Carnall chairing the Devon SuccessRegime when she is a shareholder and director of Carnall Farrar Ltd, the company which was awarded the contract?

We will be pleased to print the CCG's responses to these questions in our next issue and on our website as soon as they are received.

Dame Ruth - 30 years in healthcare

■ DAME Ruth Carnall has over 30 years' experience in health care, including 20 years as a chief executive in acute hospitals, mental health, community services and health authorities.

She spent seven years in charge of the NHS in London as Chief Executive of NHS London and now works providing strategic advice to leaders in healthcare.

Prior to NHS London, Dame Ruth worked as an independent consultant with a range of clients from the public and private sector, including the Department of Health, Monitor, NHS Trusts, the Prime Minister's Delivery Office, the Cabinet Office and GSK.

She was appointed by the then Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, in 2013 to provide advice and expertise on major health issues affecting London

Dame Ruth was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2011 for her achievements in healthcare.

What is the Devon Success Regime?

THE North, East and West (NEW) Devon Success Regime is one of three such programmes in the country – the others are Essex and Cumbria – and is part of the NHS Five Year Forward View, the blueprint for the NHS which sets out the challenges facing health and care nationally and how radical change is needed to sustain services and improve care for patients.

The Success Regime focuses on certain areas in the country where there are deep-rooted, systemic pressures, such as financial deficits or issues of service quality.

Devon was one of these areas and the description of the work undertaken (reproduced here) was taken from the Carnall Farrar Ltd website.

The issue

IN MID 2015, the combined NHS commissioner and provider economy in North, East and West Devon was forecasting a deficit of £40m for 2014/15 and a recurring deficit of £87m into 2015/16. Further, the system was failing to deliver many of the key performance standards.

The key providers and commissioners in Devon lacked a detailed fact-based understanding of why healthcare services in Devon were clinically and financially unsustainable.

The work

A TEAM from Carnall Farrar, led by Ben Richardson and Ruth Carnall, was initially brought in to develop a detailed case for change which would set the scene for a programme of strategic change.

This was to be supported by a capability and capacity review of the system to evaluate how prepared organisations across the system were for strategic change.

Following this initial phase, Carnall Farrar secured the first part of the second phase of work (phase 2a) which involved working with all the stakeholders to appraise the options for meeting the clinical and financial challenges outlined in the case for change.

The output

◆ Identified the key drivers of the deficit and the areas of clinical unsustainability.

◆ Produced a case for change.

◆ Identified and quantified the opportunities to close the clinical and financial gap; prioritised these opportunities into 16/17 and longer term opportunities.

◆ Provided an expert chair for the meetings of system leaders.

◆ Conducted a capability and capacity review with seven organisations across the system.

◆ Moved from a long list of service model options to a short list.

The outcomes

◆ Following both phases of work Devon was left with a shared understanding of the problem, shared ways of working, clinical models and a vision for the options which do not require consultation and a shortlist of options for services which do require consultation.

◆ Carnall Farrar secured the next phase of work in Devon, and will be supporting the system until 2017.

◆ Supported the creation of a new leadership coalition in Devon with an identified Chief Executive lead.

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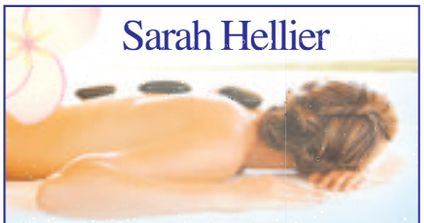

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Happy 18th Birthday to our 'Big Sister'

Meggie who is 18 on 30th November
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Happy 18th Birthday to our Grand-daughter/Niece Meggie on 30th November

With love from Granny and Grandad, Uncle Richard and Philippa xxxx

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Happy 18th Birthday Meggie

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Julie Sampson

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'Splendid start' to Syria doctor campaign

■ **MEAL DEAL:** People of all ages turned out for the lunch on Saturday

THE response to Axminster Churches Together's campaign to raise £6,000 to sponsor a doctor in conflict-torn Syria has pleased organisers.

They describe last week's Thursday street collection and Saturday lunch as "a splendid start".

Spokesperson Alan Kennard said: "On Saturday, in the Guildhall, almost 130 lunches, together with free helpings for children, were served by Hilary Sharp and her team of magnificent helpers.

"Along with a tombola and a stall and generous donations just over £1,800 was raised.

"With collections on Minster Green on Thursday the grand total stands in excess of £2,500 – taking the initiative speeding towards the halfway mark.

"This figure does not take into account individual donations deposited at Axminster's three post offices and other outlets.

"The opportunity for individuals and businesses and their staff to help the organisers reach their goal will remain open until at least Christmas when Rotary Club of Axminster are kindly donating their annual collection to the cause."

Donations (in envelopes marked Samara's Aid Appeal) can also be made at Axminster, Millwey Rise and Raymonds Hill post offices.

Online donations can be made through Barclays Bank to Samara's Aid Appeal, sort code 20-61-55, account number 23735869, reference 'Axminster'.

■ **THURSDAY JOB:** helping to collect for the fund were James Howe and Roger D'albertanson

Choral Society thrill with Handel

REVIEW by Sydie Bones

A CAPACITY audience filled the Minster for the Choral Society's presentation of *Alexander's Feast*, Handel's 1736 oratorio based on Dryden's Ode to St Cecilia, the patron saint of music.

Supported by professional musicians – three outstanding soloists and a first-class chamber orchestra, Axminster Choral Society gave a thrilling performance of the two-part version, under the direction of their inimitable conductor Judy Martin. The work itself had undergone many revisions during Handel's lifetime, with additions made to both lyrics and score.

The format is conventional: recitatives to tell the story interspersed with arias and choruses for contemplation or emphasis. Dryden's original poem was rather short for a full concert work which gave Handel the opportunity to include exquisite orchestral interludes.

The concerto in the middle of the first part with virtuoso performances from harpsichord and organ was an outstanding example.

The oratorio opens with a three-movement overture, each one highlighting the various instruments, notably the bassoons in the third section.

The tenor solo set the scene of the feast with a clear and confident opening recitative leading to general rejoicing in the first chorus.

The choir was equally confident, sure of their exits and entrances, all eyes on the conductor and a joy to watch. This pattern of narratives sung by soloists interspersed with choruses led us from the wedding feast of Alexander through the battles he fought and won, to the death of Darius at which point the mood changed.

The soprano's aria mourning this event, expressively sung and beautifully accompanied by strings and organ, marked a turning point in the story.

In part two, after a rousing chorus with flamboyant trumpet and timpani, it was the bass soloist who stepped into the dramatic spotlight: located in the Minster's pulpit, he held the audience in rapt attention with his aria describing the vengeance of the Furies and the Grecian ghosts.

As the work reached its climax, it was especially pleasing to note that the three soloists joined in as the choir sang their final chorus in praise of Cecilia. All three gave superb performances: soprano Harriet Mountford, tenor Michael Graham and bass Julian Rippon. The orchestra too deserve great praise, with special mention of Peter Lea-Cox on harpsichord, and on the organ Peter Parshal, who is also music director of the Choral Society. Steered through this demanding work by their charismatic conductor Judy Martin, members of the choir gave the audience a memorable evening of high quality music. At the back of the church was gold banner with a message to the choir: 'Look Up and Smile'. They did, and what a pleasure it was for us to see and hear them.

Libraries promote reading challenge

AS the results from Devon's Summer Reading Challenge are revealed, the Christmas Mini-Challenge begins, inviting children across the county to read three books over their Christmas holidays.

More than 11,000 children across Devon took part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative that challenges children to read at least six books during the school holidays.

Now children are being encouraged to take up the Christmas Mini-Challenge and read three books of their choice from a local library in return for milestone rewards. The challenge runs online till Friday. January 6th 2017. To take part children are asked to create a profile on the Summer Reading Challenge website and log their reading achievements over the Christmas holidays. Upon completion, children will be awarded with a virtual badge, reward video and a certificate.

Organised by The Reading Agency, both challenges are designed to encourage children and their families to visit their local library and continue reading for enjoyment. Libraries Unlimited deliver the programmes throughout Devon, ensuring libraries across the county help children in their communities to keep up the reading habit during school holidays.

The theme of the Summer Reading Challenge was 'The Big Friendly Read', celebrating 100 years since the birth of the world's favourite storyteller, Roald Dahl, and featured the iconic illustrations of Quentin Blake.

During the build-up to the summer challenge, Devon library staff visited 141 primary schools across the county, promoting the Challenge and helping children to understand the value of their local library and the opportunities available within them.

Ciara Eastell, Chief Executive of Libraries Unlimited, the charity responsible for the running of Devon's libraries, said: "These reading challenges provide us with a fantastic opportunity to reach out to our local communities and see children become engaged with their library from a young age. This year's Summer Reading Challenge was really successful and we are happy to report that over 600 children joined their local library to take part and more than 175,000 children's books were borrowed through the summer holidays."

She continued: "Raising awareness of the Summer Reading Challenge takes a lot of work and I would like to thank schools across Devon; all of our wonderful library staff; our Friends Groups who supported summer events in libraries and the 150 enthusiastic young volunteers who worked a total of 1,422 hours to see the events come together. This is a great example of communities coming together to support children and families to read together over the summer break.

Sue Wilkinson, Chief Executive, The Reading Agency says: "We are delighted that, once again, more than seven hundred thousand children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge at libraries across the UK. This year's figures are slightly lower than last year's, but at a challenging time for library services this is an impressive result. We are looking forward to working with our library partners in 2017 to ensure that the Summer Reading Challenge continues to be an exciting way to keep children reading, via their local library, over the summer holidays."

Ciara Eastell continued: "The Christmas Mini-Challenge is another great chance for children and families to fall back in love with reading. It would be fantastic to see even more children take part in this challenge over the Christmas period. National research shows that children's reading abilities tends to drop over the school holidays, by working together, we are enabling children across Devon to retain the reading habit and to sustain their educational attainment."

To find out more about Libraries Unlimited visit www.librariesunlimited.org.uk

Public meeting over Blackdowns Road

by Peter Hodges
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THE Blackdowns Road Action Group (BRAG) held an open meeting recently at Cotleigh Village Hall, to update local residents and interested parties concerning Devon County Council's A30 road proposals.

The meeting, which was held on November 25th, saw more concerned residents from Honiton, Monkton, Cotleigh, Stockland, Yarcombe and Clayhiddon pack into the village hall, with organisers of the meeting saying it showed the breadth of opposition to the council's scheme.

Professor Clive Potter, BRAG Chairman, explained the wotk that BRAG members had been doing in recent weeks, including putting together a submission to the consultation and talking to other stakeholders about their own submissions.

He commented: "BRAG is not alone in its opposition to the scheme. Key stakeholders like the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership and the National Trust are also very critical of the scale of the scheme proposed and the impact that it would have on this protected landscape.

At the meeting, it was noted that Devon Highways Department are expected to report on the outcome of the consultation in the coming weeks, with DCC's Cabinet Meetins on December 14th likely to consider and agree their preferred route option for the A30 Honiton to Devonshire Inn scheme.

Those present were asked to continue to raise the progile of their objections to the proposed scheme, by writing to both the county council cabinet members and to Neil Parish MP.

The action group also announced that their online petition, asking the Leader of Devon County Council, John Hart, to reconsider the present proposals, was gaining momentum and that they were planning to hand in a 1,000 signature petition before the cabinet meeting. To sign the petition go to www.actionnetwork.org/petitions/ please-rethink-the-a30-road-scheme

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'Very positive' year at Flamingo Pool

FLAMINGO Pool manager Steve Buxton looked back on "a very positive year" when giving a report at the annual general meeting.

He said that the Aquagym had provided a new income stream and an added bonus that is the new Aquatherapy GP referral scheme.

Mr Buxton thanked Dana Haydon-Sycamore for her hard work in setting up this scheme and those that went on the course to become qualified.

Continued support from Axe Valley Festival made various improvements to the building possible.

Mr Buxton said: "Without their financial input, life would be more difficult.

"There is always something requiring replacement or updating.

"Their help has continued to improve the pool throughout the years and we appreciate everything that they do for the pool."

He also thanked other contributors, the Flamingo Pool committee, his team of staff and all the customers and hoped that next year would bring even bigger and better changes.

Vinetta Cable of Hammetts Accountants presented the accounts, praising the facility and the way in which it has been run.

Flamingo Pool Chairman Richard Peacock made the observation that Axminster is expanding rapidly, which is very good for the future of the Flamingo Pool.

Looking back on the year, he summarised: "Swimming pools are generally expensive to run and we are fortunate to have been able to hold our heads above water.

"The nearby 3G pitch has improved parking and increased spaces available to customers."

In conclusion Mr Peacock thanked Mr Buxton, the pool staff and the committee for their support and announced that he had taken the decision to retire from the role as chairman, but would remain on the committee.

He was handing over the reins to his successor, Alison Vickers, who he thanked and wished well.

The committee would welcome anyone who would be interested in helping to support this independently financed facility.

More information is available from Mr Buxton on 01297 35800 or info@flamingopool.co.uk

■ Lisa Bright and Effie Glover cooking up a treat at a previous session

Make & Munch

HEALTH and Local Food For Families (HALFF) in Axminster promises hands-on cooking practice for mums, dads and carers with young children at its next Make & Munch session on Wednesday, December 14th.

The session is part of a new series of free HALFF courses in Axminster.

HALFF project co-ordinator Hannah Smart said: "A nutritionist is on hand at each session to offer advice on a variety of topics, so if your little one is a fussy eater, if you are confused about food labelling, or if you would just like more advice about food and cooking for kids generally, this session is perfect for you.

"It's completely free to attend and you'll enjoy a sit down lunch with other parents/carers and children at the end of the session."

The session on December 14th will be held in Masonic Hall, South Street, from 10.30am–12.30pm.

There is no need to book in advance, but more information is available from admin@halff.org.uk or 01297 631782.

■ RAFFLE TIME: Axminster Mayor Paul Hayward was hoping for a lucky ticket

Parish Autumn Fayre success

AXMINSTER Parish Autumn Fayre has been hailed a success, raising money and bringing people together.

The fayre was held in the Minster Church on Saturday, November 12th, and church warden Karen Wilkes said: "Members of the Minster and Holy Cross congregations put in a lot of effort to provide delicious cakes and savouries – and people were very generous with their donations of prizes and items to sell.

"We had homemade Christmas cakes for sale, Christmas decorations delicious tea and cakes.

"But the over-riding feeling I had was the time we had to talk to people who don't usually come into church, time to get to know new people to the town, to tell them some of the history of the church and to let the people of the town know we have a new Rector in waiting.

"Yes we raised just over £1,000, but it's not all about the money, it's about getting to know people and for them to get to know us."

As previously reported, the Reverend Clive Sedgewick has been appointed as the new Team Rector of Axe Valley Mission Community.

He will move from Yorkshire and is set to be licensed in the Minster Church on February 28th next year.

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Boy's third Book Track award

■ BALRAJ Kannan, 7, has received his third Gold Book Track award from Axminster Library.

To qualify for a Book Track award, youngsters must read 100 books.

Library assistant Matthew Brown, (pictured with Balraj) said: "Balraj is a total star. He has now read 300 books to receive his third Gold Book Track award.

"For this one, he read fact books, and it has been a real pleasure talking about motor racing to Balraj."

St Mary's tops primary schools' reading challenge

ST MARY's Primary School scooped £100 for having the highest percentage of pupils completing Axminster Library's Summer Reading Challenge.

The £100 cheque was donated by The Rotary Club of Axminster, which has offered to make it an annual prize.

Axminster mayor Cllr Paul Hayward joined happy pupils, library staff and Rotarians for a prize presentation on Thursday, November 3rd.

He said: "I'm delighted and honoured to be here to celebrate another Axminster achievement."

Ten primary schools took part in the challenge.

Rainbows fill boxes for Exeter homeless

MEMBERS of 1st Axminster Rainbows collected hats, gloves, toiletries, sweets and more from friends and family for the homeless in Exeter.

They then gathered to pack the items and managed to fill nine boxes.

Group leader Julie Grabham said: "It was for the Make Someone Smile Appeal, a campaign we saw on Facebook.

"They also made a greetings card to go in each box."

The boxes were delivered to Co-op in Axminster, which acted as a collection point.

Julie added: "It was our way of getting the girls to do some service for the community, which is part of being a member of Girlguiding."

■ EFFORT: The girls are very pleased having packed and wrapped the boxes

Seaton shines for Christmas

by Anders Larsson
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CHRISTMAS came to Seaton when local carnival queen Jamie Lee Parfitt – assisted by princesses Tia Parfitt and Hayley Jones – switched on the Christmas lights to the delight of a big crowd.

Event compere mayor Marcus Hartnell led the countdown in a packed Town Square last Friday evening.

Seaton residents came out in force, enjoying a double bill of entertainment as the switch-on ceremony was followed by the Christmas carnival.

Other attractions on the night included a craft fair in the The Gateway and Seaton Eats Boutique in Windsor Gardens.

The festive feeling continued the following day with Seaton's traditional Christmas Artisan Market, also in Windsor Gardens.

AXE Valley Community Choir sang Christmas songs

SEATON Majorettes dressed for the occasion

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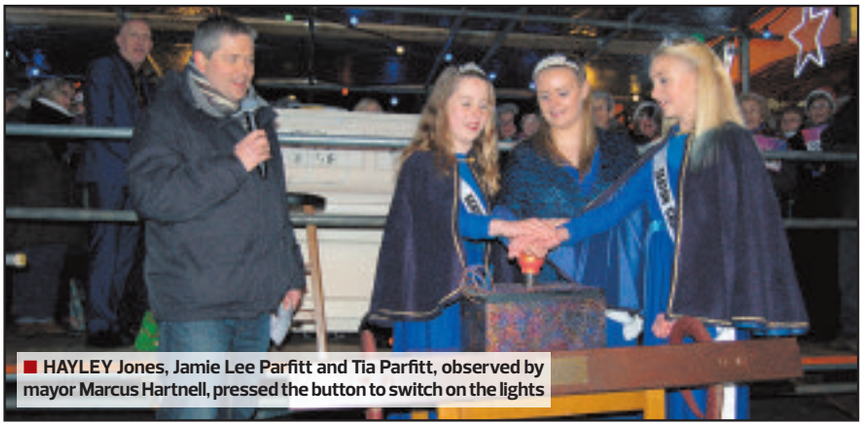

HAYLEY Jones, Jamie Lee Parfitt and Tia Parfitt, observed by mayor Marcus Hartnell, pressed the button to switch on the lights

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Calls for Seaton Christmas Carnival to be annual event

by Anders Larsson
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SEATON'S Christmas Carnival was such a success that there are calls to make it a permanent fixture.

Last Friday's event was only held as a replacement for the traditional carnival, which was cancelled because of bad weather in September.

The smaller scale Christmas Carnival featured about 25 entries and carnival committee chairman June Millman said: "We have been getting messages and calls from people saying how good it was, and asking if we can make it an annual event."

She wouldn't give any promises, saying the matter will be discussed by the committee and everybody else involved.

The collection count hadn't been completed at the time of going to press, but stood at around £800 on Monday morning.

June said: "I was surprised at the number of people who came out.

"A big thank you to the people of Seaton and everybody else who helped to make it such a good evening."

AMIGOS Carnival Club from Honiton

SANTA Claus travelled in style

OTTERY St Mary Royalty on the Icetastic float

COLYTON Carnival Princess Isabella Wilson

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Favourites go festive for the Honiton Christmas Carnival

by Peter Hodges
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HUNDREDS braved the cold and lined the streets as Honiton was given a festive extravaganza at the annual Christmas Carnival.

Carnival favourites Sid Vale Carnival Club and Nunsford Nutters took their phenomenal floats from earlier this year and gave them an added Christmas twist.

The carnival was led through the town by Father Christmas and his band of trusty reindeer, much to the delight of the watching youngsters. Following St Nick was Honiton's mayor, Cllr Caroline Kolek and her husband Stephen.

Amigos CC and Little Starz CC, both based in Honiton, impressed with their Christmas takes on their previous floats.

CLOCKWISE from above:

- **Sid Vale Carnival Club brought festive cheer to the evening**
- **Looping the Loop was pulled through the town by reindeer**
- **Father Christmas led the carnival through the town**
- **Honiton's majorettes swapped their usual outfits for something warmer and more 'Christmassy'**
- **Exeter Starlites showed off some impressive moves to the watching crowds**
- **Mayor of Honiton Cllr Caroline Kolek and her husband Stephen walked the procession through the town**

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Autumn produce show

WHITFORD: The Whitford Produce Association held its annual Autumn Show in Whitford Village Hall on Saturday, November 12th.

Entries were down slightly although the judges were full of praise for the exhibits.

Chris Loud continued his winning streak following the Beer Autumn show and won four classes and one class joint with John Lang for chrysanthemums, judged by Derek Hurford.

Cookery judge Monica Collins was impressed with the amount of entries and the standard achieved.

Photography section entries were up this year.

The children's entries were full of imagination and Jasmine James, the youngest competitor, won her great-grandmother's cup.

The afternoon was rounded off by the presentation of awards and the auction where prizewinning exhibits were sold at bargain prices.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who supported the show.

CUP WINNERS (pictured)

Whitford Cup & Colyton Garden Centre Voucher, three best chrysanthemums *John Lang*

Andrew Gray Cup and Colyton Garden Centre voucher for most prize money in chrysanthemum class *John Lang & Chris Loud*

Colyton Agricultural Society Cup and Colyton Garden Centre voucher, overall winner of vegetables and fruit *Chris Loud*

Ernie Gardner Cup, best chrysanthemum plant *Chris Loud*

Donald Baker Cup for the vegetable section *Chris Loud*

Mr & Mrs FWR Laverack Cup, homemade wines and beer *Chris Loud*

Ladies Trophy, cookery class *Anna Davis*

Nancy James Cup for children under 10 years *Jasmine James*

Fayre donations presented at Chardstock pub

CHARDSTOCK Street Fayre generated a total of £2,500 for local causes this year, despite dreadful weather on the day.

The presentation evening was held on Saturday, November 12th at The George Inn, Chardstock.

The main beneficiaries were Devon Freewheelers (Andy and Beth Taylor), British Heart Foundation (Chris West) Chardstock Christmas Tree and Childrens' Presents (Lynn Vyse), Chardstock Park Trust (Matthew Humphreys), The Project, (Ceri and Grant) Friends of St Andrews Church (Mike Brooksbank), Horseshoes and Handprints (Desi Fradgley), Chardstock Historical Records Group (David Everett), Chard Rugby Club Mini and Junior Section (Tara Smillie), Millwey Rise Youth Football Club (Kayla Froom and Sophie Alexander-Mitchell) and Chardstock Newsletter (Jonathan Milford).

Ella Dare, who designed the cover image for this year's Street Fayre programme, assisted the chairman of Chardstock Street Fayre, Michelle Reeve, in presenting the cheques.

Street fayre spokesperson Graham Vyse said: "The team wishes to thank The Muzax for providing excellent live music and Chris and Ann West at The George Inn for preparing a delicious buffet."

Preschoolers' remembrance

MUSBURY: Children from Musbury Moles Pre-School marked remembrance by making their own poppies and learning why it's important to remember those that fought for the country.

The children also observed a two minutes' silence at 11am on Armistice Day which staff said was quite an achievement for the youngsters.

The pre-school will be taking on new children from January 10th.

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Residential home graded 'outstanding'

MUSBURY: Barley Close Residential Home has celebrated a double triumph.

The home, which specialises in caring for people with severe learning disabilities, has been graded Outstanding by The Care Quality Commission, which is the highest grading available.

In addition, Barley Close also clinched the Team of the Year title in the internal, but UK-wide, Voyage Care Excellence Awards.

Manager Julie Jinks (shown holding certificate), who has 25 staff members (some also pictured), said: "The work, passion and care have been validated by these recognitions."

Toilet at Combe Raleigh church after more than 600 years

COMBE Raleigh churchgoers were delighted to see the opening of a new composting toilet at the church recently.

When St Nicholas' Church was built more than 600 years ago, the provision of a toilet was probably the last thing the villagers would have thought to include.

A spokesperson for the church said: "Customs and personal habits were very different then – there were plenty of trees and bushes for privacy.

"These days, however, we view things from a very different perspective and when, in the Parish Plan of 2010 the provision of a church toilet was felt to be highly desirable, the proposal was unanimously accepted.

"There have been many occasions when those who have travelled considerable distances for weddings, funerals, concerts and other events have asked, 'Where is the toilet?'

"Now we can tell them, 'In the building behind the church'."

Although the village had organised some fundraising events in order to provide this much-needed facility, the major contributor to the project was Viridor Credits with a grant of more than £6,000.

Viridor Credits is heavily involved in helping to provide local amenities and the residents of Combe Raleigh are hugely grateful to them for their input in the project.

CHURCHGOERS were delighted to see the opening of the village's new composting toilet

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Microscopic engraving at art society

AXMINSTER ART SOCIETY: A demonstration with a decided difference!

Graham Short, an engraver from Birmingham, gave a fascinating presentation showing how he does his amazing engravings and laced it with stories about people he has met during a highly coloured life.

He began his career as an apprentice creating embossed stationery and later, working for himself, amassed a clientele that included Harrods, Fortnum and Mason and, finally, Buckingham Palace, for whom he still does stationery for all the royal events including weddings.

However, his talent now lies in creating microscopic engravings on tiny gold pins or on equally small presentation objects.

To do this, he works through a microscope three nights a week from 1am to 5am when traffic noise is at a minimum and slows his heart beat down to 20 beats a minute.

He then makes a single mark between each heart beat with his arm braced with a leather strap to keep it as steady as possible.

He can only finish up to three letters a night so each piece can take up to six months to complete.

As well as written work including the first chapter of The Koran, written in Arabic, he has also created an image of the Queen on a tiny pellet of gold inside the eye of a needle.

Galleries exhibited his work in a special cabinet allowing the magnification needed to view it and it sells for sums of up to over a million pounds.

■ **GRAHAM made this engraving between two milled edges on the side of a coin**

Graham did point out, however, that as his work is not sold en masse, the gallery can take up to 60 per cent with his agent then taking a further 40 per cent and the cabinet maker also having to be paid.

Graham has met several famous people including a day with spoon-bender Uri Geller.

He also entertained guests at a dinner given by singer-songwriter Ronan Keating in his Irish castle and put on the amazing gold-embroidered jacket that he wore there.

It is really difficult to take in the complexities of Graham's work or to fully understand the physical strain he puts on himself although he is very fit, swimming 1500metres a week.

Enough to say he is an amazing artist and an equally amazing human being.

The next meeting will be the society's AGM to be held in the United Reformed Church Hall tomorrow (December 7th).

Horticultural society seeks new members

AXMINSTER & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: ONE of Axminster's oldest societies has started a member recruitment campaign, and will be back at Axe Vale Festival next year.

Axminster & District Horticultural Society was founded in 1865 as Axminster Cottage Society, with an aim to encourage 'good gardening, spade and fork husbandry'.

In its heyday the society had more than 400 members, but the number was so low this year that it could not find enough people to prepare and man its show marquee at Axe Vale Festival.

Making the decision to pull out of the festival was a massive blow, but members rallied to pump new life into Axminster & District Horticultural Society.

A decision to move monthly meetings from daytime to evenings was taken to attract people who work in the day.

Members have also been busy leafleting areas of the town in an attempt to boost numbers.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month and include talks on a variety of subjects.

The programme for 2017 starts on Thursday, January 19th at 7.30pm in the United Reformed Church, with a talk by Terry Underhill called 'From the Mountains to the Garden'.

Anyone interested in joining the society can go to a meeting or phone Jayne on 01297 598 292, David on 01297 32196 or John on 01297 35865.

■ **RECRUITING: Axminster & District Horticultural Society secretary Jayne Dymond and show competition organiser David Johnson**

SEATON: FOR an older generation, brought up in an era before computer games, Matchbox toys, along with Dinky toys, Meccano and Hornby train sets, were a firm favourite. Many a childhood imagination has been stimulated by playing with a collection of their cars and other models.

So members of Seaton and District Probus Club were fascinated to hear the inside story of Lesney Products Ltd, the creator and producer of Matchbox toys, from one of their very own members, Bert Sherman, ***pictured,*** who had been closely associated with the company.

In their heyday in the 1950s and 60s the company was producing one million of the highly detailed models each day.

Sadly, the company was to suffer the fate of much of Britain's manufacturing industry and go out of business in 1982 before being sold to the Chinese. They are now owned by Mattel Inc with production much scaled back.

Mr Sherman ran Alexander Precision, a manufacturer of die-sinking tools, which supplied the dies from which the models were made.

Prior to that, he had been production manager of Setright Registers, which had been responsible for inventing and producing the first ticket issuing machines, widely used on London Transport buses and by many other bus companies around the world, and he brought along one of the last ticketing machines to show members.

Keith West gave a vote of thanks to our speaker on behalf of a very appreciative audience for a fascinating talk.

The club welcomes new members. For more information please contact Steve on 01297 21872 or visit www.seaton probus.co.uk

Music hall memories at Honiton's Beehive

HONITON: MEMBERS of Honiton U3A enjoyed a very lively and entertaining meeting at The Beehive in November when speaker and fellow member Stuart Raine gave his talk 'The Good Old Days - A History of Music Hall'.

Stuart's interest in music hall began as a boy when his family were entertained by his Auntie Edie, a cinema pianist.

The origins of music hall began in the 19th century city taverns and supper houses where songs with intriguing titles such as 'The Ratcatchers Daughter' were performed. Sadly no one took any notice as the 'audience' were too busy eating and drinking!

As popularity grew so did the building of many famous music halls such as The Empire, The Alhambra, The Oxford, The Glasgow Palace Empire.

Songs ranged from funny to bawdy, sing-a-long to social comment and titles like 'My Old Dutch', 'Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay' and 'If It Wasn't For The Houses In Between' were popular.

It was the advent of radio, television and cinema that saw the demise of Music Hall Theatre. But to give us a reminder of 'The Good Old Days' Stuart played a YouTube video of Florrie Ford singing some of her most famous songs to which the audience at The Beehive heartily sang along to.

The U3A chairman thanked Stuart for a very enjoyable talk and reminded members that there was no meeting at The Beehive in December as it will be the members' Christmas Social at The Mackerness Hall (December 7th - ticket only).

'Cinderella' production on par with the professionals

AUDIENCES at Colyton Town Hall were treated to a simply stunning production of Ben Crocker's 'Cinderella' last week, as the town's theatre group presented a show which was of such high quality, it belied its amateur status.

The classic pantomime marked Emily Thomas' directorial debut and, if this first foray is anything to go by, the future is looking very bright for further theatrical presentations in the town.

Debbie Meakin led the cast with a graceful performance as the titular heroine, whose dream to attend the ball at the palace is facilitated by her Fairy Godmother, played with verve by Sue Whitell.

The masterful Prince Charming (Steph Letten) was ready to sweep her off her feet and the couple made an attractive principal pairing as they sang and danced with polish and poise.

They were ably supported by Bev Reed as a cheeky yet suave Dandini, and Stephen Knight as the beloved Buttons, whose Eric Morcombe-style delivery was absolutely stupendous. Knight had the audience falling about with laughter on more than one occasion and, when combined with the utterly fabulous Ugly Sisters (Tish Wells and Natalie McNeil), the resulting sidesplitting slapstick was some of the best I've seen on the non-professional stage.

Rude, crude and yet thoroughly engaging, the gruesome girls brought the house down with their every entrance, but were kept in line by their malicious Mummy (Cynthia Bell), whose attempts to thwart Cinder's party plans were met with the obligatory raucous booing and hissing from the sold-out auditorium.

Some pint-sized palace guards and an exuberant chorus, made up of some talented young performers and spritely mature stage stalwarts, ensured the show bounced along with colour and energy, but special mention must go to Alexander Wall, whose cute and captivating performance as Mouse ensured the fairy-tale had the right amount of magic.

Crocker's script provided the perfect mix of hilarious innuendo and simple gags, so it appealed to all and, when performed by such a wonderful cast, provided a perfect evening of entertainment. I can honestly say, it's one of the best amateur pantomimes I've ever seen.

THEATRE REVIEW
By Nicky Sweetland

The next time I review 'Cinderella' will be at the London Palladium and Amanda Holden, Paul O'-Grady et al have a lot to live up to.

Cast: Fairy Godmother - Sue Whitell, Dandini - Bev Reed, Prince Charming - Steph Letten, Buttons - Stephen Knight, Mouse - Alexander Wall, Cinderella - Debbie Meakin, Beryl - Tish Wells, Cheryl - Natalie McNeice, The Baroness - Cynthia Bell, Major Domo - Bob Whitell, Security Guards - Millie Hutchings, Alex McNeice & Matthew Turn.

Chorus: Jackie Carr, Jo Cox, Jenny Eagles, Margot Sharp, Corbin Cox, Matthew Turner, Meggie Lenn, Nathan Jones, Holly Sweeney, Alisha Cooper, Paige Letten, Liberty Widger, Alex McNiece, Bethany Cook, Millie Hutchings & Emily Mungovan.

Fairies: Meggie Lenn, Paige Letten, Liberty Widger, Millie Hutchings, Emily Mungovan & Bethany Cook. Children: Baron - Corbin Cox, Wife -Liberty Widger, Baroness - Bethany Cook, Beryl - Paige Letten, Cheryl - Meggis Lenn.

Production team: Director - Emily Thomas, Producer -Elaine Stratford, Assistant director - Margaret Smith, Choreography - Jo Sweeney, Stage Manager - Tony Robinson assisted by Jackie Kane, Cathy Isley, Sue Denzey, Eoin McNeice & Nial McNeice, Properties - Cynthia & Brian Boyt, Special Properties - Tony Robinson, Prompt - Sandra Henson, Lighting - John Newton, Wardrobe - Margot Sharp and Wendy Cann, Dressers - Jayne Hutchings, Jackie Carr and Margot Sharp, Make -up & hair - Jan Brand, Jill Bayliss, Sue Gardner, Sophie Luff & helpers, Set Design - Emily Thomas and Margaret Smith, Set Construction - Terry Palmer, Tony Robinson & Bob Kane, Set Artist - Alison Page assisted by Roger Bagg, Posters and Programme - Simon Ford, Photography - David Gray, Video - Tony Kiff, Publicity - Elaine Stratford, General Assistant - Sue Fouracre, Front of House - Jackie Carr & helpers, Musical Director - Tina Paveley, Pianist - Cathy Binmore, Guitar - Rob Iles, Drums - Clive Wormleighton.

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Why so few shops with disabled access?

■ LIKE Anne *('Charity card shop access' letter, November 22nd)*, I'm wheelchair-bound in and out of my home, but lucky enough to also have a mobility 'buggy'.

I love my independence... but! I can't visit any shops in Seaton on the buggy, only Tesco's. Well done, Tesco.

Even if my husband pushes me around in my smallest wheelchair no shops have enough distance between rails, etc, and most have annoying objects on corners or middles of shops.

Years ago, when more able-bodied with a stick or frame, nowhere was 'out of bounds'. However, these same local shops are now leaving me sitting outside (in all weathers) while my poor husband goes inside to get my purchases.

It really does make one feel totally insignificant. Why is this? With just a little thought for others less mobile, our money can be spent and our own pleasure satisfied. Please rethink, shop owners!

P.S. This also applies to churches.

GILLY WARNER-MILLS, via email

Too much traffic to feel safe to shop

■ THE reason a lot of people do not shop in Axminster is because there is too much traffic passing through, and one does not feel safe walking on the uneven pavements.

Several shops have closed, but these are mainly non-essential galleries or similar premises.

The new car park has added another hazard for pedestrians when walking past it.

Axminster needs shops other than charity shops and 'tat', and I do not believe that people stopped buying because the nation voted to leave the European Union.

MURIEL SMITH, Axminster

Remember why the sacrifice was made

■ AT THIS solemn and thoughtful time of year we should be aware of why so many gave their lives.

As the (alleged) self-induced democratic nightmare of 2016 spirals further into chaos shows that we have forgotten what this sacrifice was for.

Liberty, humanitarian law, education, freedom of movement, welfare, trading with our neighbours, health and safety issues, infrastructure and environmental awareness; in other words, a hopeful future civilised continent for their children and future generations to foster closer integration is why they gave their lives. No More War in Europe.

Liberalism is poorly equipped to defend itself in today's world of extreme left or right populist nationalism.

The public is influenced by right wing papers: the Daily Mail, Daily Express, Telegraph and Sun spreads its propaganda across every social group.

How can it be that very rich, white, privileged politicians say they represent the anti establishment when their method of popularity is to infiltrate parliaments for personal financial gain and gain X Factor style fame by sabotaging and degrading parliament's influence through peddling lies and exploiting easily whipped up hostility against foreigners, humans that try to escape horrifically brutal conflicts or just seek a better life contributing hugely to our economy.

Until June 23rd 2016 I loved our British values of kindness and fair treatment of people of any race, religion, gender, or orientation.

It is our diversity of cultures that has enhanced Britain's standing in a liberal world. Why did we turn so nasty overnight?

Can it be right that any parent would deliberately take away their children's freedoms to work, study, live, marry and have children in continental Europe, because since 1975 many, many thousands have done just that. Is it also right that children are told don't bother with education or becoming expert at anything because today's populist democracy doesn't want anyone to be a real expert or listen to anyone that is.

We are now a shallow unstable populist society. Sadly, ignorance has won, so as a nation we have forgotten our fallen hero ancestors and snubbed their intended legacy.

NIBBY DAVID, Seaton

An NHS verse

■ IN ANSWER to the queries raised on my 'thoughts' of how the NHS will be funded in the not to distant future, I offer the following:

The National 'Whealth' Service

Why believe in political promise
On the NHS or Community Care?
As more and more of us grow older
It seems to me there's less to share.

It's harder now to see a doctor.
They're closing local A & Es.
Our hospitals are stripped of beds
Replaced by Care in the Community.

But we're short of homes and carers
Day by day their numbers dropping.
And unless someone can fix it
They'll be even more bed blocking.

In the not too distant future
The NHS could cease to work.
And in their thoughts to find an answer
I'm certain private health schemes lurk.

Though if Brexit means Brexit
There's that large written promise
Of a billion pounds for the NHS
Inscribed on the Brexit bus by Boris.

DEREK STURCH, Honiton

■ THE Christmas meal will be on many people's minds as the festival draws near. It's understandable, with all the other costs at this time, that 'bargain' supermarket turkeys and other poultry will be a lower-cost attraction.

But many shoppers will not know where the cost of cheaper poultry is borne. At this time of year, sheds the size of aircraft hangars will be where turkeys and chickens in their thousands will be struggling for space to move.

Often lame, having been fattened unnaturally fast to satisfy the Christmas market, these birds will never have seen a blade of grass or know fresh air in their entire miserable lives.

Whether raised in the UK or from abroad, the secrecy in the intensive poultry industry means that conditions are only ever revealed by secret filming by animal welfare campaigners.

There are, of course, alternatives for those who want a welfare-friendly Christmas meal, e.g. supermarket free-range poultry, or that with the RSPCA Freedom Foods sticker.

But with good butchers and local farmers' markets across East Devon, the customer wanting to know will be told precisely where their turkey or chicken came from, and have peace of mind about what they have on their table for this important meal. For those interested in further information on this subject, please visit Compassion in World Farming – www.ciwf.org

KATHY HACKMAN, Axminster

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Our pets are family and give so much love and enjoyment throughout the years, so why not give something back this Christmas?

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EVERYONE likes to indulge a little Christmas, but a treat for us can be bad news for our pets.

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Dark chocolate and cocoa contain particularly high concentrations of Theobromine so can be especially toxic.

Currants, Grapes, Raisins and Sultanas can also be poisonous, even in small quantities, and can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and kidney failure.

So – please make sure all those Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies are kept out of reach of your dog and take particular care of chocolates under the tree !

If you think your dog has eaten any of these things, please contact your vet as soon as possible – the quicker we can treat these animals the less chance of severe or long-term effects.

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Every day there are reports of cats going missing and others being found. Fortunately, many of these have been microchipped and are quickly reunited with their families but many have not been chipped. How do we reunite these poor cats with their owners? Of course it is important that someone finding a stray cat or one that has been injured gets it scanned for a chip. Your local vet should be willing to do this. If a chip is present it is normally quick and easy to locate the cat's family, although it is important that the contact details are up to date.

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Christmas pudding and cake quite often contain a high quantity of raisins, currants and sultanas which can be highly toxic to dogs. While some individual dogs may show no obvious clinical signs after ingestion it can take as little as 8 raisins to cause severe renal failure.

It may also go without saying, but alcohol and pets don't mix. Alcohol toxicity can cause a dangerous drop is your pets blood sugar levels, blood pressure and body temperature. Seasonally also watch out for antifreeze even small spills and empty bottles and cause lethal poisoning, especially in cats who are attracted to its sweet taste. Within 30 minutes animals can be vomiting and cause irreversible damage to kidneys usually resulting in euthanasia.

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It's not worth the risk...

THINK DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

The festive season is now upon us and with it comes work nights out and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family. But for all too many, it's tempting to ruin the celebrations by driving home after a couple of drinks.

IN THE last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2014, there were still 240 deaths due to drink driving – accounting for 14% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive.

THE LAW

There are strict alcohol limits for UK drivers: In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for drivers is:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine

In Scotland (from 5 December 2014) the legal alcohol limit for drivers is lower at:

- 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 67 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

However it is not possible to say how much alcohol you can drink and stay below the limit. The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- your weight, age, sex and metabolism (the rate your body uses energy)
- the type and amount of alcohol you're drinking
- what you've eaten recently
- your stress levels at the time

So if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.

DRINK DRIVING

- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
- You can still be over the limit the morning after.
- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 11 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

THE CONSEQUENCES

There are strict penalties - if you are convicted of drink driving, including:

- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A hefty fine
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

However, this list does not reflect the everyday consequences of being caught drink driving which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

The Institute of Advanced Motorists calculate that a drink drive conviction could cost between £20,000 - £50,000 as a result of fines, solicitors fees, increase in car insurance and loss of job.

YOU DRINK
YOU DRIVE
YOU LOSE

THINK

THINK! Advice

Beware the morning after

You could be over the legal limit many hours after your last drink, even if it's the 'morning after'. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help to sober you up - time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system.

There is no excuse for drink driving

"I can handle my drink."

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop

"I'm only going down the road."

A large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey.

If you're planning to drink alcohol, plan how to get home without driving

Options include agreeing on a designated driver, saving a taxi number to your phone, or finding out about public transport routes and times before you go out.

Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive

Even if you're not driving, you can help reduce the number of people who are killed and injured every year by drink driving.

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COUNTRY ROADS

Brake before the bend, not on it

59% of all fatalities occur on country roads. These roads often have sharp bends and blind bends which can hide unexpected hazards. Stay in control and give yourself time to react because you never know what's around the corner. THINK! Brake before the bend, not on it.

THE FACTS:

- 59% of all fatalities occur on country roads
- Three people die each day on average on country roads
- The number of people killed on country roads is nearly 10 times higher than on motorways
- In 2015, 10,307 people were killed or seriously injured on country roads in Great Britain

THINK! Advice

✔ The best drivers read the road ahead and anticipate potential hazards. Look out for upcoming bends, hidden dips, blind summits and concealed entrances

✔ Country roads often have sharp bends. To stay in control and give yourself time to react to unexpected hazards, brake before the bend, not in it

✔ Overgrown verges, bushes and trees on country roads can block your view and potentially obscure an oncoming hazard. Always drive at a speed which will allow you to stop in the distance you can see to be clear (double that on a single track road). Allow more time to stop on wet or slippy surfaces

✔ The speed limit is a limit not a target. The national speed limit on single carriage roads is 60mph, but there will be times you need to drive under that in order to drive correctly for the conditions. In fact most people do on these roads – the average free flow speed is 48mph

✔ If you get stuck behind a slow moving vehicle be patient. Dips in roads, bends and other junctions joining your road often hide oncoming vehicles, so unless it's absolutely safe, don't overtake

✔ If passing more vulnerable road users such as horse riders, cyclists and walkers, pass wide and slow

✔ Even if you're familiar with a country road, never take it for granted as the conditions can be different every time

CYCLING

The numbers of people choosing to cycle for fun, fitness or to get to work has increased by more than a quarter in twenty years and an incredible 3.2 billion miles are cycled on our roads every year.

Riding a bike is safe – since 2010 the number of cyclist killed on our roads has fallen to its lowest level on record. However, 3,337 cyclist were killed or seriously injured on our roads in 2015 which is why THINK! has launched its latest cycling campaign.

The aim of the campaign is to raise cyclists' awareness of the dangers of lorries turning left –the area where a third of collisions between cyclists and lorries happen. In the last 5 years, 104 cyclists have been killed in accidents involving an HGV (heavy goods vehicle). This accounts for nearly 20% of all cycling fatalities.

We want to remind cyclists to 'hang back' at junctions to avoid getting caught between a lorry and left hand turn.

THINK! has also teamed up with the Freight Transport Association to remind HGV drivers to look out for cyclists.

HORSES

Pass horses wide and slow

Horses are large powerful animals but they can easily panic and bolt if startled. The consequences to drivers, their car, the horse and its rider can be horrendous. By following some basic advice, drivers and riders can help avoid accidents involving horses on the road.

THE FACTS:

- 11 horse riders were killed and 116 seriously injured in collisions with motor vehicles, in the five years to 2015
- Horses can weigh more than half a tonne – they are easily scared by noise and may panic around fast-moving vehicles

THINK! Advice

ADVICE FOR MOTORISTS:

✔ Slow down and be ready to stop if necessary

✔ Look out for riders' signals to slow down or stop

✔ Watch out for sudden movements, horses can be easily frightened and unpredictable

✔ Don't sound your horn or rev your engine

✔ Pass wide and slow when overtaking; giving the horse plenty of room. Don't accelerate rapidly once you have passed them

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Take a ride on The Polar Express this December at Seaton Tramway

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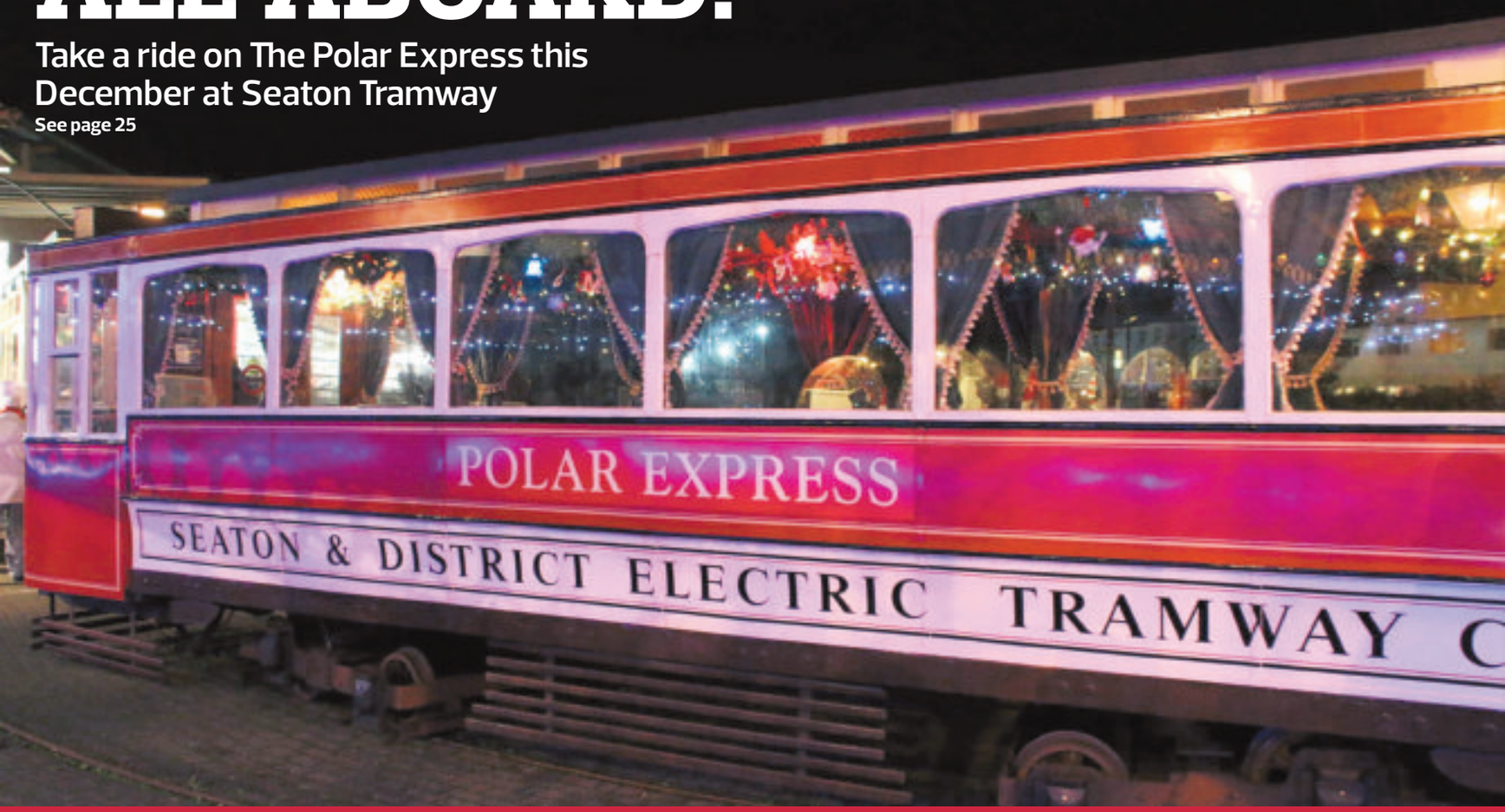

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Living Spit present their hilarious interpretation *page 26*

BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST
Folk's odd couple serve up a feast of fun *page 28*

Diary Dates

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6TH

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in – Questions answered and help provided. 10am to 12 noon at Henhayes Centre, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.00 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 – 4pm

HONITON: Christmas Bingo at Monkton Hall. Eyes down 8pm.

SIDMOUTH: View the huge Victorian Crystal Chandelier at ground level. (over 12' high) at Sidholme Music Room. Teas, coffees and an opportunity to make a donation for a crystal component in memory of loved one or to celebrate a memorable event. Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 12-2.30pm. In aid of Friends of Sidholme Music Room Restoration Project.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

COLYTON : Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch at the The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 2:30pm An illustrated talk "The Three Hares". Dr Sue Andrew will reveal the story of this enigmatic medieval motif. Not only found in 17 churches in Devon, but, intriguingly, also in Buddhist, Islamic and Jewish contexts. All welcome, admission £1 for DA members, non-members £3. Details from 01297551529 or brian_denham@talktalk.net

ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club Annual Turkey Bingo. At Peek Hall, Rousdon. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Half time tea, coffee, pasties and hotdogs. For more details call 01297 443235.

KILMINGTON: Film: "Eddie the Eagle (PG)". Moviola screening at the Village Hall (Whitford Rd), doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm Film start 7.15pm. For more details or advance booking contact: 01297 32335. Tickets £5 if purchased in advance or £5.50 at the door.

CHARD: The Zembard Singers 'Sing Christmas'. An informal evening of enjoyable festive music. A programme of well-known traditional music, gallery carols and new music to celebrate the Christmas Festival. Refreshments available during the interval. A retiring collection in aid of St Margaret's Hospice. At St Mary's Church, Church Street, Chard. Contact telephone – 07768 028572, email – zembardsingers@gmail.com

LYME REGIS: Indoor Bowls every Wednesday. Have a go, good fun. 7.15, 9.45pm. £1.60. Tea and biscuits. At Woodmead Halls.

AXMINSTER: 'What did women do all day in Tudor and Stuart England?' Social historian Dr Mark Hailwood will tell us about the everyday experience of women's work in pre-industrial England 1500-1700' based mostly on material from Devon. Axminster Historical Society 7.30 pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street. All Welcome!

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)

COLYTON : Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café St John Hall, King Street 2pm to 4pm

CREWKERNE: Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

SIDMOUTH: Coffee Concert by Sidmouth Primary School and songs from John Brindley. At Sidholme Music Room. In aid of Sidmouth Town Band. Tea and coffee £1. Free entry.

CHARD: The Church of the Good Shepher Christingle Service, 2pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH

SEATON: Seaton Garden Club Christmas meeting in the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Seaton at 2.30 - Talk and Demo of Christmas Floral Arrangements by Angie of Cottage Flowers. Ilminster. Visitors welcome - Cost £2.00 to include refreshments - for more details please contact 01297 24049

CREWKERNE: Over 50's Keep Fit – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non- members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

AXMINSTER: 'Christmas and other Calendar Customs in Devon' a Talk by Devon historian Dr Todd Gray, who has published a book on the subject. And to add to the atmosphere mince pies and mulled wine! 7.00 pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street. All Welcome! Tickets £5 from Archway Bookshop or call 01404 881587

HONITON: Honiton 55 Day Care Centre Christmas Dinners. Full festive menu £8 per head all welcome, booking essential. Entertainment every session. Call Jean on 01404 43545.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH – SUNDAY 11TH

HONITON: St Paul's Church's third Christmas Tree Celebration. This year there will be several different music groups and instrumentalists providing live music over the four days. The aim of the Celebration is to draw people together from different parts of the community and at the same time raise much needed funds for repairs to St Paul's church. The event has proved very popular over the last two years and as we go to press there are still a few places available for your business or organisation to supply and display a Christmas tree to reflect who you are. If you would like to take part please contact Julia Beaman 01404 548709 or visit the church website office@honitoncofe.org to download the relevant forms.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle, £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Country Dancing every Friday, 2-4pm, admission £2.10 including tea and biscuits. For more details call 01297 34326.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. This will be a special Christmas lunch, priced at £5.50 to include main course roast with trimmings, roll & butter, choice of puddings, mince pies, unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required

DALWOOD: A Day of Spinning: For all those who wish to learn, or improve their skills. Friendly and great fun! An Axminster Heritage Outreach Event. Limited places so please call 01404 831207 for details and availability. 10.30am – 3.30pm at The Pavilion, Dalwood, DEVON, EX13 7EW

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH – SUNDAY DEC 11TH

DALWOOD: Dalwood, Nr Axminster: Christmas Tree Festival in Dalwood Church, 10am-5pm each day. Closing at 5pm on Sunday 11th with a singa-long! Info: 01404 831365

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

SIDMOUTH: Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Christmas Party Night (festive wear please). At Stowford Centre, 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. £6 on the door. For more details call 01803 325905.

MISTERTON: Christmas Fayre at Misterton W.I. Hall (TA18 8LX) - 10 -2. Light lunches/refreshments and variety of stalls. 01460 77599/78931.

LYME REGIS: Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church, 4pm. Featuring Schubert 'Magnificat', Buxtehude 'Das neugeborne Kindelein', Carols for choir and audience. Tickets £15 on the door, £13 advance from TIC, and Penny Black Cafe. Under 19s free. Prices include a post-concert buffet. Concert dedicated to the late Sir Neville Marriner.

HAWKCHURCH: Christmas Fayre at Hawkchurch Village Hall at 2pm. Adults £1, Children free. Stalls selling Christmas goodies, refreshments and an appearance from Santa. All welcome. The hall postcode is EX13 5XD. For queries please contact Ruth 01297 678354.

SEATON: Seaton Royal British Legion Christmas Draw and table sale at the Methodist Church Hall. Ample free parking. Doors open 9.15am, close 1pm. Donation entry. Tea and coffee available. Father Christmas in attendance, in aid of branch funds.

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CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be getting together to celebrated their annual Christmas Dinner at 7.30pm at the Ridgway Hotel.

MERRIOTT: Christmas Bingo in aid of Merriott Majorettes, eyes down 7.30pm.

MERRIOTT: Karaoke at Merriott Social Club from 9.30pm.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

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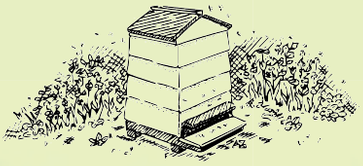

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Have yourself a jazzy little Christmas

AN IMPRESSIVE array of top UK talent pays tribute to the great Benny Goodman at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, December 16th. Known as 'the King of Swing', Goodman is remembered in the popular imagination for his big band hits, but this tribute evening focuses on his small groups which featured Goodman on clarinet, Lionel Hampton on vibraphone, Charlie Christian on guitar and Teddy Wilson on piano. For this heart-warming trip down musical memory lane, Goodman's small group will be recreated by Julian Marc Stringle, Roger Beaujolais, Dominic Ashworth with the Craig Milverton Trio.

Julian Stringle is widely regarded as the UK's top clarinet player, having won the UK Jazz Award for clarinet three times. Like Goodman himself, Stringle started playing clarinet from a young age, and made his TV debut with Acker Bilk when he was just 14, and has since played with many top bands, from John Dankworth to The Spice Girls. Roger Beaujolais started playing vibraphone at 24, and his first band was the Chevalier Brothers with Ray Gelato with whom he played in over 15 countries on 3 continents as well as the major jazz festivals in Europe. Dominic Ashworth is a member of Digby Fairweather's Half Dozen and Julian Marc Stringle's Dream Band. Craig Milverton has a remarkable ability to mimic the styles of all the great jazz pianists. On this occasion he will 'be' Teddy Wilson, and he will supported by the rest of his trio, featuring Al Swainger on bass and Nick Milward on drums.

The concert promises to be a wonderful 'curtain raiser' to the festive season - to make a real evening of it, the Arts Centre offers a popular pre-show supper for an additional £13 (these are limited and must be booked in advance). To book tickets and suppers please ring the Box Office on 01460 54973.

Craig Milverton

All aboard the Polar Express

"ALL ABOARD!" The Polar Express is coming to Seaton Tramway in Devon this December!

Why not treat your loved ones to a once in a lifetime trip to the "North Pole" as Seaton Tramway invites you to be a part of everyone's favourite Christmas film! Families are sure to enjoy this magical tram ride to Santa's home in one of the specially decorated single deck tramcars.

Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, a delicious treat, speak to Santa and admire the awesome lights of the "North Pole". Children will also receive the first gift of Christmas from Santa himself.

The Polar Express Tram Ride will be running from December 9-11th and 16-24th, with trams departing from Seaton at 16.00, 16.30, 17.30, 18.00, 19.00 and 19.30. Fares start from £19.95 each for Adults, £15.95 each for Children (3-15yrs), £55.85 for a Family Ticket (2+2) and children under 3 go FREE.

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Come and sing carols

ONCE again Seaton Methodist Church is hosting Come and Sing Carols as it was a great success last year.

While there will be two short pieces sung by a small singing group, two readings and a light-hearted piece, most of the evening centres on audience participation in singing ten carols.

There will be refreshments at the end.

Organist is David House.

So come along and join in at Seaton Methodist Church on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm.

To advertise in View 2 call Matt on 01297 446163

Magical moments and festive fun this Christmas

Dickensian daftness from Living Spit

WE ALL know about Ebenezer Scrooge. We've all seen the films. But who's the best Scrooge of all time? Meet Howard Coggins, who now takes on the performance of his life as Scrooge.

And he's brought Stu Mcloughlin along for the ride to dress up, sing, dance and generally act like a complete idiot whilst playing ALL the other parts.

With silly songs, pitiful puppetry and more Dickensian daftness than you can shake a selection box at, Living Spit's *A Christmas Carol* is a feast of festive foolery!

Living Spit present their adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic this Saturday, December 10th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 and £10 concessions, available by calling 01297 442138 or visit the website at www.marinetheatre.com

The Italian Connection

Axminster and Yeovil choirs reunite for 'Music for the season of Christmas'

FOLLOWING highly successful collaborations during the previous two years, Axminster and Yeovil Chamber Choirs will be reuniting to perform a concert entitled "The Italian Connection – Music for the season of Christmas"at the beginning of December.

In all, over 40 local singers will take part in the concerts, which will be conducted by Peter Parshall who is director of both groups.

"This will be the third occasion on which the choirs have combined and I'm not sure at what stage these performances become a tradition!" says Peter. "Having the opportunity to combine two small chamber ensembles, however, enables us to tackle music in up to eight voice parts, which means that we can bring some rarely-heard gems of the repertoire to local audiences."

Music by Palestrina, Victoria, Marenzio, Arcadelt and Mouton, amongst others, will feature during the concerts, which take place at 3.00pm on Sunday, December 11th in St Mary's Church (The Minster), Axminster EX13 5AQ, and at 7.30pm on Wednesday, December 14th in Holy Trinity Church, Lysander Road, Yeovil BA20 2BU.

Tickets cost £10 (to include refreshments), and are available on the door at both venues.

For more details on the Axminster Choir email axminsterchamberchoir@gmail.com or visit the website at www.axminsterchamberchoir.com, and for more details on Yeovil Choir email yeovilchamberchoir@hotmail.com or visit www.yeovilchamberchoir.org

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Celebrate Christmas with the Ottery St Mary Silver Band

OTTERY ST MARY Silver Band's ever-popular Christmas concert takes place on Friday, December 16th this year. Everyone is being encouraged to buy their tickets early to avoid disappointment as the concert has sold out in every recent year.

The entertainment will be provided by both of Ottery's bands who will be performing a range of Christmas music.

Brass class, the band's training band which features some of the younger (in terms of how long they have been playing and not necessarily age!) players have their own slot in the performance. Memories of childhood will be rekindled by a performance of Michael Jackson's 1972 hit "Rockin Robin" or, for those concert-goers with a slightly earlier childhood, "Frosty the Snowman" from 1950. Fans of "The Sound of Music" (and isn't everyone?) might like to reflect during the performance of " Little Drummer Boy" that it was recorded by the Trapp Family Singers in 1951.

As well as Christmas music, the Silver Band will be marking what would have been Freddie Mercury's 70th year with a selection of some of Queen's greatest hits which will have you clapping and stamping along with the band. The Christmas music ranges from the 18th century with

Vivaldi's "Winter" up to the present day with "Joy, Peace and Happiness" which gives each section of the band a chance to show off their talents. The traditional Christmas favourites have not been forgotten and will include "Jingle Bells and "The Twelve Days of Christmas"; singing along, though not obligatory, will be encouraged!

Tickets are available from Ross on 01404 813222 or from the Ottery St Mary branch of Gilbert Stephens. Ticket are £6.00 (children under 16 are free) and the concert is in The Institute, Ottery St Mary, on Friday, December 16th, starting at 7.45pm.

Magical moments and festive fun this Christmas

Christmas wrapped up

CHRISTMAS shopping doesn't have to be stressful! The annual Christmas Collection exhibition at Ilminster Arts Centre makes life very easy with a fantastic selection of locally crafted items that make perfect gifts for friends and family. This year's 'collection' includes, among other goodies, practical and decorative ceramics by Sue Williams, and Sarah & Mike Crook, wonderfully cosy Shetland wool scarves and throws from Rural Rustic (formerly Dommett Hill Farm), colourful felt bags and bowls by Natasha Smart, wooden pens by Andy Millar, super soft goatskins from Bere Marsh Farm, and pretty silver jewellery from Jill Thompson, and Mike Coleridge.

This year there are also some unusual decorative pieces by The Little Paper People featuring kirigami paper motifs and vintage electrical components - for the man who has everything! Come along and enjoy an unhurried shopping experience, and then sit back and relax over coffee and cake in the café afterwards. The exhibition runs until December 23rd, and is opening Monday to Friday 9.30am-4.30pm, and Saturdays 9.30am-2.30pm. Admission is free.

Choral Society's Christmas Carol Concert

FOLLOWING a rousing performance of Handel's Alexander's Feast before a capacity audience in the minster in early November, it was straight back into rehearsals for members of the Axminster and District Choral Society, as they prepare for their forthcoming Christmas Carol Concert.

Director of Music Peter Parshall promises a traditional family event with opportunities for the audience to join in the singing of well-known carols to include Hark the Herald and O Come all ye Faithful. The large four part choir will also sing two choruses from Handel's Messiah: "And The Glory of the Lord" and "For unto us a Child is Born". There will be arrangements of Jingle Bells and Deck the Halls. The choir of St Mary's RC School, Axminster will perform We're walking in the air from "The Snowman". The school strings and wind groups will also contribute with Jingle Bells and The First Nowell . Additional features will be an item with Peter Lee-Cox on the organ and the full choir singing John Rutter's beautiful "Star Carol."

The concert will take place on Saturday, December 17th at the Minster, Axminster 7pm. Tickets are available from Archway Books, Church Street, Axminster or phone 01404 881838 adults £10, children £5, under 8 – free. Family tickets at reduced price.

Step back in time for a a very Victorian Christmas in Exmouth

CHRISTMAS is coming to World of Country Life! Come along and visit Santa - and a whole lot more! You will ride Santa's Deer Train Safari Special to hand feed the red deer (Santa's back-up herd!)

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Have a go at making traditional Christmas crafts - and don't forget to meet the animals in their festive petting pen before you leave!

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Served with ciabatta and butter

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Diary Dates

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

YARCOMBE: Yarcombe Christmas Market 10-12 at yarcombe Village Hall Crafts, cards, flowers,cakes and much more.

UPLYME: Christmas Coffee Morning 10 am - 12 noon at Uplyme Village Hall. Coffee/Tea, Mince pie/Cake. Various stalls. Info, tel 01297 445110.

WHITELACKINGTON: Christmas Table Top Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall, 10am-1pm. Entry is free. 25 tables selling a huge variety of items, refreshments also available.

HONITON: Hospiscare Christmas Market, 9-12.30 Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Lovely gifts for sale, cakes & marmalade etc. Homemade refreshments served

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall, 9am-2pm. To book a table (£5) or for more details call 07891486839.

SEATON: Seaton Choral Society Christmas Concert: From Darkness to Light. Schubert Mass in G, CPE Bach flute concerto movement; Negro Spirituals from Tippett's 'Child of our Time;" Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols; Selection of Carols. Guest soloists, chorus and orchestra conducted by Dr Peter Milmer. Tickets £10 (under 18s free|) from The Gateway Box Office TeL 01297 625699. Doors open 3.30 for 4.00pm start.

SEATON: Seaton Choral Society's Christmas Concert 'From Darkness to Light' at The Gateway, 4pm. Featuring works by Schubert, Vaughan Williams and more. Performers include Chloë Stratta (soprano), Tony Yates (tenor), Rosamond Thomas (alto), and Simon Gallear. Tickets are £10 (under 18s free) from the Gateway Box Office on 01297 625699. Doors open 3.30pm.

MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH

AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

CHARD: Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Fireglow and Sparklers Night (with poppies too). At Chard Guildhall, 8-11pm. Free parking after 6pm in Council car park (not Lidl). Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. £6 on the door. For more details call 01803 325905.

BEER: Beer Film Society at Steamers Restaurant in Beer are showing "Cafe Society" (12A) Woody Allen's Comedy, Drama, Romance set in 1930's USA starring Jesse Eisenberg, Kriten Stewart & Steve Carell. Doors open 7pm for 7.30, all welcome , general public £5 BFS members £3.50. For more information www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 2 sessions 9.40 – 10.40, and 10.45 - 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Christmas lunch served at 12noon at Henhayes Centre. See advert for details.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

SIDMOUTH: Tea Dance at St Francis EX10 9XH, 2.30pm

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 11.00am-12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue United Reformed Church, Chard Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk.

COLYTON: Lanes and the River Coly, 10am-1pm. Explore the lanes and the River Coly in the historic Shute estate landscape. A walk organised by the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society and led by Donald Campbell. Meet at Colyton car park, Dolphin Street, SY246940. No booking required. Donation welcome to AVDCS.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in – Questions answered and help provided. 10am to 12 noon at Henhayes Centre, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.00 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm

CREWKERNE: Christmas lunch served at 12.30pm at Henhayes Centre. See black and yellow advert for details.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am-12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Preschool age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

AXMINSTER: The second illustrated talk of the Musbury Garden club's new (7th) season will be held at Musbury Village Hall on Monday 14 November at 730 pm. Jenny Short will cover ponds and water features from formal architectural designs to more natural wildlife ones. Refreshments from 7 pm. All welcome. £2.50 for non-members.

LYME REGIS: Indoor Bowls every Wednesday. Have a go, good fun. 7.15, 9.45pm. £1.60. Tea and biscuits. At Woodmead Halls.

CHARD: Chard Rotary Carols by Candlelight featuring the children of Redstart Primary School at Chard Methodist Church, Fore Street. 7.30pm. Admission free, but a collection will be taken for Children's Hospice South West. Coffee/tea and mince pies following the event. For more details call 01460 66631 or email chardrotaryclub@talktalk.net

SEATON: Seaton Methodist Church is hosting Come and Sing Carols. While there will be two short pieces sung by a small singing group, two readings and a light-hearted piece, most of the evening centres on audience participation in singing ten carols. There will be refreshments at the end. Our organist is David House. 7pm.

COLYTON: Colyton Carnival Christmas Bingo at Colyton Town Hall, 8pm. Turkey meat, Christmas fayre and a cash flyer.

CREWKERNE: Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 15TH

CHARD: Chard Camera Club Competition night for the club as the members show their images in the Special Subject category of 'Bridges' along with two 'Open' subjects. Judge for the night being Mr Barry Welch. Further details can be obtained from the club's website www.chardcamersclub.org.uk or by ringing Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst 01460 68616

CREWKERNE: Over 50's Keep Fit – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non- members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

HONITON: Honiton 55 Day Care Centre Christmas Dinners. Full festive menu £8 per head all welcome, booking essential. Entertainment every session. Call Jean on 01404 43545.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30-12.30 Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email hannah@halff.org.uk or go to www.halff.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle, £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

TATWORTH: Film: 'Florence Foster Jenkins (cert PG) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Country Dancing every Friday, 2-4pm, admission £2.10 including tea and biscuits. For more details call 01297 34326.

HONITON: Hospiscare Christmas Bingo, at Mackarness Hall, Honiton. Doors open 1.15pm Eyes down 2pm. Refreshments and raffle.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

MERRIOTT: Live music with "Renegades", starts at 9.30pm all welcome.

HONITON: Christmas Fair for Honiton 55+ Day Care Cetnre. Also a Christmas raffle at the fair. 10am-1pm. Various stalls, Santa in attendance for the young ones, music, food and drink.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

SIDMOUTH: Shelterbox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre EX10 9YL, 2.30pm.

SIDMOUTH: Pete Allen's Jazz in the Afternoon. The Kennaway All Stars Christmas Party, featuring Pete Allen, John Petters, Malc Hurrell, Keith Donald and Simon Banks. At Kennaway House Cellar Bar, 3pm-5.30pm (doors 2pm). Admission £13.50 at the door. Licensed bar, snacks available.

MERRIOTT: Childrens Christmas party 2-4pm, non members welcome £3 per child Includes food & present from santa.

Folk's odd couple serve-up a feast of fun

BELSHAZZAR'S Feast start with traditional English music, add a touch of classical and jazz, throw in a bit of pop and music hall, and top it off wry humour for a unique live experience that has made them one of the most popular duos in folk music. They take to the road this November and December with their much-loved seasonal show.

Now in their twenty-first year together, Paul Sartin and Paul Hutchinson of Belshazzar's Feast bring a wealth of talent to the stage.

Paul Sartin was a member of the multi-BBC Radio 2 Award-winning big band Bellowhead, and of Faustus. Consultant and Director of the Andover Museum Loft Singers, he is author of 'Community Choirs Collection – Folk' publshed by Faber Music, an editor of music publications, and a BASCA-nominated composer whose commissions include works for the Central School of Speech and Drama, the Choir of Somerville College, Oxford, Streetwise Opera, and most recently, the BBC Radio 4 series 'Playing the Skyline'.

Paul Hutchinson's love of fusion music originates from his days in the renowned Celtic jazzers, Hoover the Dog. Pagoda Project, with jazz clarinetist, Karen Wimhurst, is the next exciting chapter in his musical journey providing a vehicle for his own compositions. Their debut album received the only 5 Star review in the March edition of Songlines and glowing tributes from amongst others, FRoots. Paul is resident tutor at Cecil Sharp House, Halsway Manor, Benslow Music Centre and Marlborough College. He has a keen interest in and knowledge of 17th and 18th Century dance music which has resulted in tours to Europe and America.

Belshazzar's Feast received a coveted nomination for the Best Duo Award at the 2010 BBC Folk Awards and are regulars at folk festivals across the summer, with touring including a popular annual Christmas tour of seasonal songs and tunes. They have released a series of critically acclaimed albums across their career, the latest being The Whiting's On The Wall (2014/Unearthed), a live album recorded over the course of two concerts at The Pound in Corsham.

Belshazzar's Feast play live at The David Hall, South Petherton on Saturday, December 17th. Tickets are available by calling 01460 240340 or from www.thedavidhall.org.uk

Belshazzar's Feast

VIEW FROM the beehive

this December

With Wendy Van Der Plank

AFTER a very busy autumn things are really hotting up for Christmas at The Beehive with a wonderful assortment of entertainment to suit all tastes.

There are some fabulous family films and why traipse down to Exeter or Taunton when you can relax with your friends and family at The Beehive cinema, with lush ice creams and drinks you can enjoy whilst watching the movie?

To really begin the festive season the Royal Opera House live screening of The Royal Ballet performing 'The Nutcracker' is on Thursday, December 8th at 7.15pm. We offer special family tickets and there are still a few seats available for this event.

Other upcoming films include the touching true tale of a Ugandan child prodigy, chess player who raises her family from the slums in Disney's 'Queen Of Katwe' (PG) then we have two showings of 'Trolls'(U) at 3 and 5pm on Saturday, December 10th, and two showings of 'Dr Strange'(12A) on Saturday, December 17th at 5pm and 7.30pm.

On Friday, December 23rd at 2pm the fabulous festive 'Holiday Inn' starring Bing Crosby & Fred Astaire is our Nostalgic Cinema screening, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the café bar all for only £3.50! This is a Dementia friendly screening for all.

For something totally different gather your friends or work mates and Rock up & Frock up or come Suited & Booted to the Flower Power Xmas Party on Friday, December 16th. After meeting up in the bar for a glass of fizz and nibbles, be seated at your table for three course homemade supper while enjoying the 60s & 70s show then get in the groove and dance the night away to the fabulous funky, Flower Power Band! All for £25.

Another fantastic live act, heading for another sell out show is our 'Mad Dog Mcrea' gig, don't be late for this one, as we have the awesome 'Eskies' all the way from Dublin, as the support act too.

For the hols this year we have a really enchanting family show, 'Freya-The Viking Saga' on Monday, December 19th at 11am and all tickets are £5. Suitable for 4+ this is the story of a plucky young Viking lass told with a great mixture of humour, music, puppetry and two actors in a really charming show.

We also have some very exciting shows lined up for next year, so do keep an eye on our website and pop in for our latest flyer. Jethro, Jay Rayner, Wille & The Bandits and David Suchet playing Lady Bracknell in the encore screening of 'The Importance of being Earnest' are just a few and what an assortment!

Feel free to come and visit us, browse the new Pauline Selhurst exhibition in the gallery or stop off for a drink and listen to the acoustic café performers on Wednesday, December 14th from 8pm.

Wishing all of our audiences, regular users, friends and fabulous team of volunteers a very happy, healthy Christmas and many thanks for your support. The Beehive will be closing on December 24th until Tuesday, January 3rd 2017. We very much look forward to seeing you at The Beehive soon. Box office 01404 384050 or check out our website www.beehivehoniton.co.uk

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

OUR NEW SHOWBIZ COLUMN

My fear of missing out when there's so many shows to see

Hollywood actor Ed Harris in Buried Child at the Trafalgar Studios

I'VE recently been introduced, by my younger colleagues, to an acronym, which often applies to my life; FOMO (fear of missing out) is something that becomes a weekly sensation when you spend half your time in one place and half in another.

I get invited to far more exciting things than I could possibly ever fit in and I often have to miss out on shows I'd like to see simply because I don't have the time in my schedule.

I also get FOMO when I'm in London and the gang from the office in Lyme Regis is out having fun, while I'm alone in the cold grey city (get your violins out; there really is no pleasing me). Occasionally, however, I manage to fit in everything I want and need to do, without any clashes, any worries about letting people down or any FOMO and this week looked like it was going to be one of those glorious weeks. My week in the capital started wonderfully by watching another beautiful performance of one of my favourite musicals, Side Show at Southwark Playhouse. This theatre is great if you want to see some good shows, near to Waterloo and at a very reasonable price (£25). There are a few similar 'Off West End' venues including the St. James Theatre at Victoria (which has just been bought by Andrew Lloyd Webber and will soon change its name to The Other Palace due to its proximity to Buckingham Palace), Park Theatre (a little further out, up at Finsbury Park) and the Menier Chocolate Factory, where they often test out big shows before they are transferred to the West End, so it's an affordable way to see some great stuff.

I then rushed out to South East London for my first Christmas show, which was in a pub theatre in Penge and starred Olivier award winner George Maguire (Sunny Afternoon) and Britain's got Talent favourite Rachael Wooding.

Alas it was not to be,however, as when I arrived there was another freelance journalist who writes for our papers also there, so I had to leave. I did get to hang out with the current Green Witch in Wicked (Rachel Tucker) who runs the theatre with her husband but I was definitely left with FOMO. It did mean I got an early night and when the alarm went off at 4:30am the next the morning I was grateful for the extra hours in bed.

I was invited to a sober Disco on the ice rink at Somerset House at 6am and by jingo it was cold, but it was also such a great time of day to see the city. The event was wonderful and I escaped with all of my limbs and most of my dignity in tact.

After doing a bit of work (yes, I do have to do some) I popped in to see the brand new musical Dreamgirls at the Savoy Theatre. As it's still in previews, I'm not allowed to tell you my opinion on it yet (press are embargoed until the official opening night), but it was a great way to get out of the cold and the front row ticket (from the TodayTix lottery) was only £15.

People often ask me how to get cheap tickets for shows and my best advice is to shop around. Many of the shows do day seats (where you queue up at the box office on the day you want to go) and lotteries, which enable you to get great seats for a fraction of the usual price. My other tip is to go in January, as there are always fabulous offers on tickets after the New Year and Official London Theatre run their Get into London Theatre campaign with lots of great deals.

I also attended the glitzy launch of the What'sOnStage awards, where I got to mingle with many of the stars of the West End including Tamsin Outhwaite, Kerry Ellis and the casts of all of the big West End shows. The nominations were announced with Dreamgirls and Harry Potter and the Cursed Child leading the field. Following a public vote the winners will be given their awards at a dazzling ceremony in February.

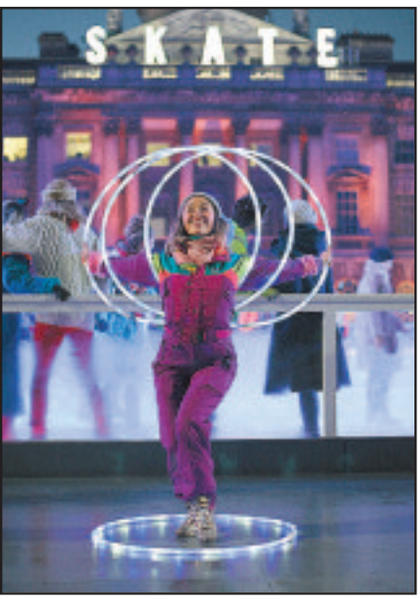
It turned out to be a celebrity filled day, as I then went to the press night of Buried Child, which stars famed Hollywood actor Ed Harris. It is a very well acted but baffling play and I'm not entirely sure what happened in the end. The highlight of the evening for me was sitting next to Josh Gad, who voiced Olaf the snowman in Disney's Frozen. I managed to resist the urge to ask him for a warm hug and when he asked me which bits of the UK he should see while he's here, I obviously told him he should come down to the South West (I actually invited him to the Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race, but he looked very confused when I tried to explain its concept!).

*** I finished off my stagey week by watching my first pantomime of the season in Colyton.**

After reviewing nine last year and 14 the year before I'm hoping to see fewer this year (although I think the boss has other plans!). They were presenting my favourite panto Cinderella and did a great job (you can read my review at viewnews.co.uk).

Next week I'll be off down to Exeter to review Peter Pan for Broadway World, before I venture to London to see Jest End (a clever mickey take of all the big West End shows), She Loves Me at the Menier Chocolate Factory (starring Scarlett Strallen and Les Dennis) before I officially attend a press performance of Dreamgirls at the Savoy Theatre (I wonder if I'll like it?). No FOMO for me next week!

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @Nicky Sweetland



The Sober Disco ice event at Somerset House which I had to attend at six in the morning

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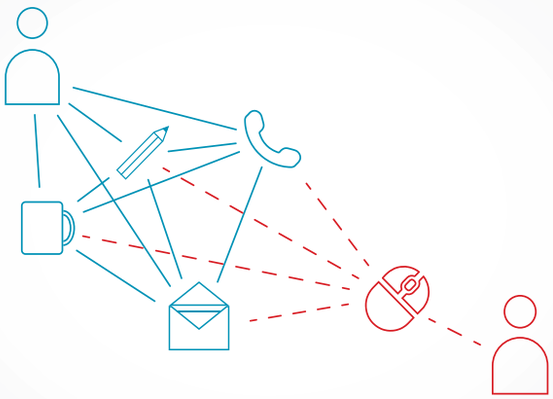

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For more information and an application form please email Sam Doherty at sam_doherty@yahoo.com or phone 07704058526.

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Public Notices

Public Notice Licensing Act 2003

To whom it may concern:

Honiton Golf Club do hereby give notice that we have applied to the licensing Authority at East Devon District Council for a new Premises Licence at:

The Clubhouse, Honiton Golf Club, Honiton Devon EX14 9TR. And known as Honiton Golf Club

The application is to change licence from a club premises licence to a premise licence and sell alcohol between 10.00 and 23:30 Monday to Sunday and live and recorded music between 19:00 and 00:00 Monday -Sunday.

Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Manager, East Devon District Council, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth EX10 8HL not later than 28 days after the 1st December 2016. www.eastdevon.gov.uk

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary of conviction being £5000

Dated 1st December 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern:

We Broadhembury Community Centre CIO do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Licensing Authority at East Devon District Council for variation of a Premises Licence at Broadhembury Honiton Devon EX14 3NG and known as Broadhembury Memorial Hall

The application is to: - Remove a condition on the current licence relating to closure of doors and windows during regulated entertainment.

Any person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to The Licensing Manager, East Devon District Council, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. www.eastdevon.gov.uk

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours. It is an offence'knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000

Signed: S M Middleton (on behalf of the applicant)
Dated: 2nd December 2016

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ASK HILLARY – JUSTIN LOWE PARTNER OF GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT LOOKS AT SOME FAST CHANGING ATTITUDES IN THE PROPERTY MARKET.

THE presidential election result in America reminded us – if we needed any reminding - that we live in a time of massive immediate and fundamental change. A point not lost on us here in the UK after Brexit. In the property industry even Budget tax changes can alter buying and selling habits overnight. But there is a more gradual, yet no less significant change going on in our country which is having a significant effect on our attitude to property.

The baby boomers are finally making way for the millenials - Generation X to Generation Y. The digital generation is becoming the increasingly dominant force in the property market. And that will only gather pace in the years ahead. But this new group does not think or act like the old one.

The baby boomers could be relied upon incrementally to develop their parents' ideas. This new generation have their own thoughts entirely. For income and social reasons they are generally older when they buy property for the first time. They are far happier to rent than their parents were. They are not so keen to take on older, larger properties and are more reluctant than the last generation to repair, renovate and re-model. DIY is not regarded as a recreation and leisure time pursuit for the younger generation. Millenials often prefer more compact homes built in thermally efficient and ecologically agreeable materials. They want to control the heat, security, lighting and garden irrigation from a beach in Thailand. Sometimes they prefer a holiday in Thailand to buying a property in the first place - a point of view their parents would never understand.

Millenials often tend to favour new homes over old ones – if they have the choice. Those baby boomers who are in the market now are planning retirement, and often prefer urban locations so they can be close to amenities such as shops, entertainment, transport and health services. Older rural properties remain in high demand but some changes may be required to maximise their value with younger or retirement buyers in mind. At Greenslade Taylor Hunt we understand this and will be able to recommend the right course of action.

Just as we witness year after year the dwindling numbers of world war veterans filing past the Cenotaph on Armistice Sunday, so we in the property industry witness a changing of the guard in the business of buying and selling homes. There has probably not been such a sweeping change in housing attitudes since the 1960s. The government should take note. Developers should take note. Estate agents should take note - and in particular house sellers should take note. For established norms in buyer behaviour are being swept away. The millenials have their own rules and everyone will have to get used to it, just as the political elite have to get used to it. Ask Hillary!

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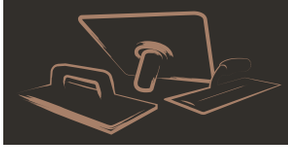

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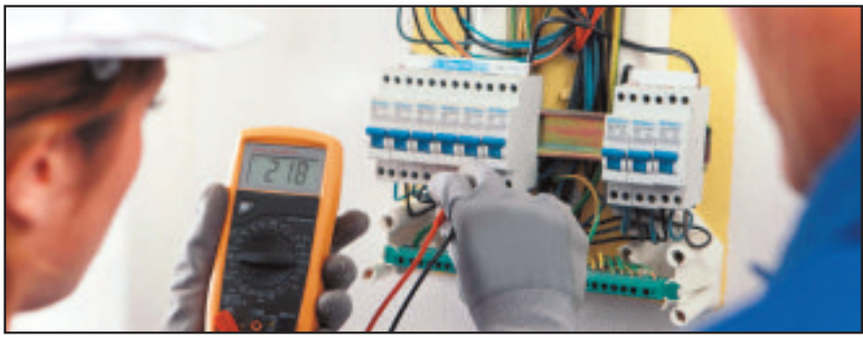

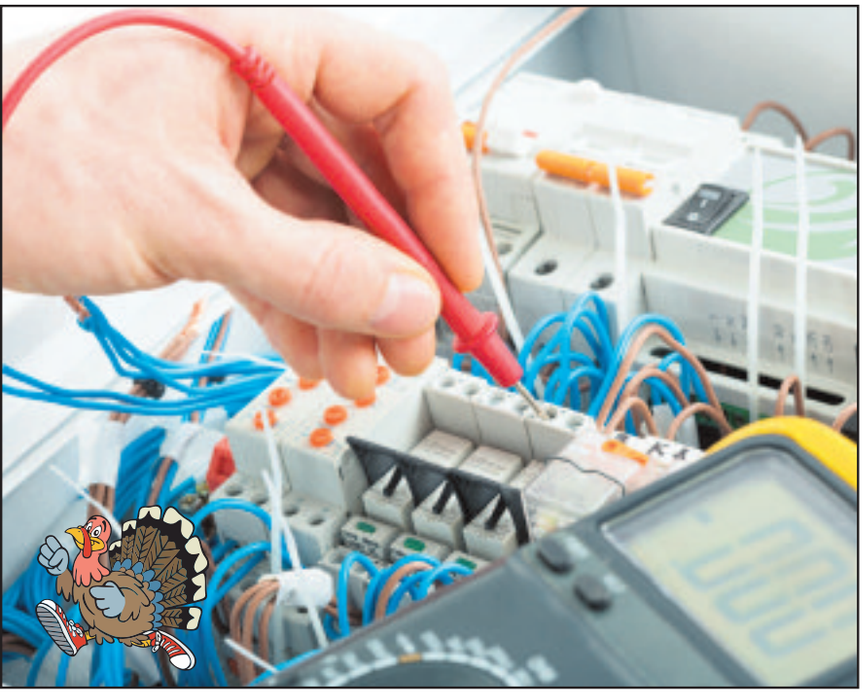

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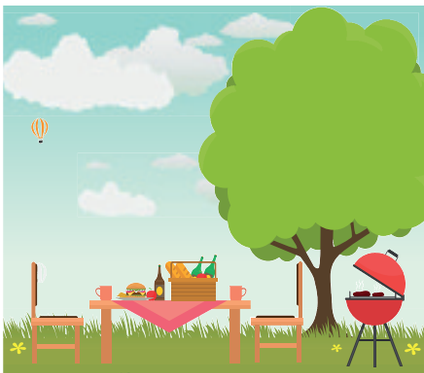

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Ford revealed four distinctive production variants of the Fiesta, including the stylish Fiesta Titanium, the Ford Performance-inspired Fiesta ST-Line, the upscale Fiesta Vignale and the Fiesta Active crossover – the first in a new line-up of Active vehicles to be rolled out across the Ford range in years to come.

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Honours even in Jurassic derby – Honiton held by Fenny – Injuries beginning to bite at Millwey

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AXMINSTER TOWN	19	33
Teignmouth	16	32
Appledore	15	29
St Martins	18	22
Liverton Utd	16	22
Sidmouth Town	16	19
Alphington	16	18
Exeter University	17	17
Budleigh Salterton	13	15
Bovey Tracey	16	13
Totnes & Dartington	17	10
Galmpton Utd	16	9
Exwick Villa	15	5

D&E Premier (28)	Pld	Pts
Honiton Town	13	35
Newtown	12	33
Elmore	10	27
Okehampton Argyle	13	20
Topsham Town	12	19
Heavitree Utd	10	19
Seaton Town	12	16
Clyst Valley	12	15
Upottery	14	14
Feniton	11	14
Exmouth Amateurs	12	13
Hatherleigh Town	13	11
Newton St Cyres	13	9
Beer Albion	9	8
Bow AAC	12	1

D&E Div 1 (20)	Pld	Pts
Cronies FC	9	25
Colyton	10	22
Lyme Regis	9	19
Exeter University Res	11	19
Sidmouth Town Res	10	15
Exmouth Town Res	9	14
Witheridge Reserves	9	12
Alphington Reserves	9	10
Willand Rovers Res	12	9
Wellington Reserves	11	8
Bickleigh	11	2

D&E Div 2 (26)	Pld	Pts
Cullompton Rang Res	13	31
Lapford	12	27
University 3rds	12	25
Axmouth Utd	12	19
Heavitree Utd Reserves	9	18
Woodbury	12	17
Dawlish Utd	12	17
Dawlish Town	11	15
Halwill	14	14
Newtown Reserves	13	14
Tipton St John	12	12
Chagford	10	11
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Lympstone	12	10

D&E Div 3 (20)	Pld	Pts
Bampton	10	30
Exeter University 4ths	12	27
East Budleigh	14	22
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Honiton Town Res	11	17
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D&E Div 4 (24)	Pld	Pts
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D&E Div 5 (24)	Pld	Pts
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Winchester	9	18
Millwey Rise	11	16
Feniton Reserves	11	16
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Starcross Generals	12	12
North Tawton	11	12
Newton St Cyres	13	12
Alphington 3rds	11	10
Beer Albion Reserves	8	7
Awliscombe Utd	11	6

DEVON PREMIER CUP (R3)

Axminster Town 1 Newtown 3

(aet) Round Three – last 16

AXMINSTER Town crashed out of the Devon Premier Cup as they were on the wrong end of a minor giant killing at Tiger Way on Saturday.

However, despite performing in a division lower, Newtown are the reigning Devon & Exeter League Champions and they showed their class to book a place in the last eight.

Things started well for Ax when midfielder Danny Clay fired them ahead in the 17th minute via the shins of a covering defender, but Simon Piper equalised midway through the half with a low shot past keeper Scott Wells-Burr.

Things got harder for the hosts when they had Callum Garrett sent off after a 50-50 challenge and they were forced to play for the remaining 12 minutes and the whole of extra time with 10-men. The home players and supporters felt the decision looked harsh.

The depleted hosts went close in the extra half hour when Ben Vine headed narrowly over, but the visitors capitalised on their numerical advantage with goals from Ben Howard and Corey O'-Donoghue.

Next Saturday Axminster, now sixth in the South West Peninsula League Division One (East) table, will look to bounce back and avenge a 3-0 beating in the reverse fixture back in September when they welcome LIVERTON United, kick off at Tiger Way is 3pm.

***Axminster Town**; Scott Wells-Burr, Craig Every, Elliot Dyer, Mark Smale, Chris Duchenski, Ben Vine, Liam Cleal, Danny Clay, Callum Garrett, Luke Finn, Ben Turner. Subs; Jamie Barfoot, Gary Spiller, Tony Pinder, Brad-Lee Miller.*

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE MATCH REPORTS

Beer Albion 1 Seaton Town 1

Premier Division

BEER Albion and Seaton Town shared the spoils in the local derby on Saturday at the Furzebrake.

The match, which was played in front of a crowd of 150, was a typical hard-fought derby encounter with neither side being able to dominate throughout the 90 minutes.

Whilst much of Seaton's possession and approach play was easier on the eye, Beer's more direct style carried the bigger threat on the day and the Fishermen's players were disappointed not to have come away with the three points.

The real highlights of the game were two spectacular goals. From the outset both defences were on top. But it was Beer who showed first when Chris Long was put through but his attempted chip over the advancing Seaton keeper missed the target.

Seaton's first real threat came on 25 minutes when creative midfielder Jacob Rowe shot narrowly wide but Beer's Jake Clode countered a minute later with a good strike from 25 yards that also drifted wide of the upright.

Chances were few and far between. For the Fishermen, a good cross from George Harwood was seized on by Clode whose shot was deflected away by the keeper's legs. As the first half drew to a close Beer keeper Mark Rooke was at full stretch to save the Seasiders' first effort on target.

Rooke had to be alert again at his left post two minutes into the second hlf to thwart an early Seaton strike. Immediately from his clearance came the best goal seen at the Furzebrake this season – a screaming 25-yard volley from nowhere from striker Chris Long to put Beer ahead.

Long almost doubled the Fishermen's lead on 57 minutes when his shot on the turn found its way under the keeper's body but was scrambled off the line.

As the half wore on the Seaton midfielder were getting more possession, but Beer's defence was looking solid although it took a desperate tackle by Mike Wheeler to prevent Seaton equalising on 67 minutes.

The Seasider's equaliser did however come on 78 minutes when a spectacular 30-yard strike from Richie Durrant was still rising as it hit the roof of the net.

Man-of-the-match for Beer was the hard-working Jake Clode whilst Rowe caught the eye for Seaton.

Next week the Fishermen travel to fellow Premier Division strugglers Newton St. Cyres, whilst Beer Reserves entertain Alphington 3rds at The Furzebrake. Kick off is at 2.15 and match sponsor is Mike Anning.

Millwey Rise 1 Beer Albion Res 2

Division Five

INJURIES and disallowed goals blighted Millwey's afternoon against Beer. In a first half that finished 1-1, Nathan Wormsley scored for the hosts and then almost immediately left the field with a recurrence of a hamstring injury.

The second half saw further substitutions to replace the injured Alex Rocket and Haydn Lewis who was unwell.

On top of this Millwey had two goals disallowed for offside and missed several chances to equalise the winning goal scored by the visitors 15 minutes into the half.

The bad luck was further compounded with news that striker Levi Hoole is now unlikely to be available for some weeks to come because of further damage to his knee injury.

D & E Round-up

FREE kick specialist Ben Ede denied HONITON TOWN with an equaliser after his old club looked set for a vital Premier victory against their nearest neighbours FENITON.

The Hippos had taken a second half lead through former Feniton player Tom Perryman, but Fenny manager Ede checked their hosts progress to earn a 1-1 draw.

UPOTTERY were beaten 3-0 by Okehampton Argyle.

Meanwhile, COLYTON's interest in the Devon Senior Cup is over after they were beaten 3-1 at home by Lakeside Athletic.

The visitors struck first but Jake Richards equalised on the stroke of half time. "We didn't play well, but they are a good side and wanted it more," said Coly boss Mike Cullum.

Free-scoring LYME REGIS moved up to third in Division One thanks to goals from Rob Fellingham (2pens), Mark Bailey, Lee Cleal, Cody Bowditch, Rhys Hayter and an OG in a 7-4 win over Willand Rovers Reserves.

In Division Three HONITON TOWN RESERVES stunned UNIVERSITY 3-2 with goals from Blake Freemantle (2) and Harry Leisk

OTTERY ST MARY drew 4-4 at the University in the top game in Division Four.

The top match in Division Six ended all square at 2-2 between OFFWELL RANGERS and EXWICK VILLAGE, but goals from Ryan King and Dec Ellis saw LYME REGIS RESERVES grab all three points from an impressive 2-1 win at Central.

There was a huge upset in Division Eight where leaders UPOTTERY were beaten at SEVEN STARS KENNFORD 1-0.

RESULTS

PREMIER
Beer Albion 1, Seaton Town 1.
Clyst Valley 1, Exmouth Amat 1.
Heavitree Utd 1, Hatherleigh Tn 5.
Honiton Town 1, Feniton 1.
Topsham Town 9, Bow AAC 2.
Upottery 0, Okehampton 3.
DIVISION ONE
Lyme Regis 7, Willand Rovers 4.
Sidmouth Town 1, Cronies FC 3.
DIVISION TWO
Budleigh Salterton 2, Halwill 1.
Chagford 3, Dawlish United 2.
Cullompton Rgs 10, Lympstone 0.
Dawlish 2, Lapford 3.
Newtown 4, Axmouth United 4.
Tipton St John 1, Heavitree Utd 5.
University 6, Woodbury 5.
DIVISION THREE
East Budleigh 4, Tedburn St Mary 1.
Exmouth Amat 1, Bampton 9.
Newton Poppleford 5, Clyst Valley 1.
University 2, Honiton Town 3.
DIVISION FOUR
Kentisbeare 4, Morchard Bishop 1.
Priory 2, Countess Wear Dyn 1.
Sandford 2, Pinhoe 2.
St Martins 2, Sampford Peverell 2.
University 4, Ottery St Mary 4.
Uplowman Athletic 0, Thorverton 2.
DIVISION FIVE
Alphington 2, Winchester 4.
Feniton 2, North Tawton 2.
Millwey Rise 1, Beer Albion 2.
South Zeal 1, Newton St Cyres 2.
DIVISION SIX
Central FC 1, Lyme Regis 2.
Halwill 2, Stoke Hill 2.
Hatherleigh Town 0, Elmore 6.
Offwell Rgs 2, Exwick Village 2.
Silverton 1, Dunkeswell Rov 1.
Tivvy Park Rgs 3, Winkleigh 6.
DIVISION SEVEN
Exmouth Spar 1, Cranbrook 8.
HT?Dons 0, Cheriton Fitzpaine 1.
K&M?Polonia 1, Ilminster Town 2.
Seaton Town 3, Bickleigh 2.
Wellington Town 3, Sidmouth Town 1.
Woodbury 2, Colyton 1.
DIVISION EIGHT
Amory Green 1, Kentisbeare 1.
Bampton 6, Bradninch 1.
Bravehearts 2, Queens Head 3.
Lapford v Axminster Town, post.
Seven Stars 1, Upottery 0.
DIVISION NINE
Feniton 0, East Budleigh 6.
St Martins 3, Chagford 0.
Witheridge 5, Amory Green 3.

FIXTURES

DEVON & EXETER (2.15pm, unless stated)

Saturday, December 10th

PREMIER
Bow AAC v Upottery
Elmore v Newtown
Exmouth Amateurs v Honiton Town
Feniton v Okehampton Argyle
Hatherleigh Town v Clyst Valley
Newton St Cyres v Beer Albion
Seaton Town v Topsham Tpwn
DIVISION 1
Bickleigh v Exmouth Town
Cronies v Alphington
Sidmouth Town v Colyton
Willand Rovers v Witheridge
DIVISION 2
Cullompton Rangers v Chagford
Dawlish United v Budleigh Salterton
Halwill v Newtown
Heavitree United v Dawlish
Lapford v Axmouth United
Lympstone v Woodbury
DIVISION 3
Bampton v Perry Street
Clyst Valley v Axminster Town
Honiton Town v Exmouth Amateurs
Newton Poppleford v East Budleigh
Tedburn St Mary v Culm United
DIVISION 4
Countess Wear Dynamoes v St Martins
Kentisbeare v Sandford
Morchard Bishop v Otterton
Pinhoe v Thorverton
Priory v Sampford Peverell
Uplowman Athletic v Ottery St Mary
DIVISION 5
Awliscombe United v North Tawton
Beer Albion v Alphington
Millwey Rise v Whipton & Pinhoe
Newton St Cyres v Feniton
Starcross Generals v South Zeal
Winchester v Royal Oak
DIVISION 6
Dunkeswell Rovers v Offwell Rangers
Exwick Village v Elmore
Silverton v Halwill
Stoke Hill v Hemyock
Tivvy Park Rangers v Central
Winkleigh v Hatherleigh Town
DIVISION 7
Cheriton Fitzpaine v Ilminster Town
Colyton v Bickleigh
Cranbrook v K&M Polonia
Sidmouth Town v H T Dons
Woodbury v Exmouth Spartans
DIVISION 8
Axminster Town v Newton Poppleford
Bradninch v Seven Stars Kennford
Bravehearts v Amory Green Rovers
Queens Head v Kentisbeare
Sandford v Lapford
Upottery v Bampton
DIVISION 9
Chagford v Witheridge
East Budleigh v Millwey Rise
Honiton Town v Amory Green Rovers
St Martins v Central

EAST DEVON SENIOR CUP

Lyme Regis v Heavitree United (2pm)

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

HAWKCHURCH United's Division One promotion hopes were dented as they lost their unbeaten league record to a Warren Gabbidon goal in a surprise 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Ilminster Town Colts.

Meanwhile, FARWAY UNITED are out of the Jack Venn Cup after Crewkerne Rangers came from behind to win 3-2 at Henhayes.

Fabio Souza put the Devonians in front but Mark Holton made it 1-1 at half time.

A double from Tommy Martin proved decisive and Jack Murrall's 84th minute goal counted for little.

Better news from FARWAY RESERVES who beat 10-man Drimpton Reserves 3-1 to reach the last eight of the John Fowler cup, Si Trim, Kai Fletcher and Charlie Horn scored for the winners.

football tables

D&E Div 6 (24)	Pld	Pts
Winkleigh	10	27
Exwick Village	11	25
Offwell Rangers	11	18
Lyme Regis Reserves	10	18
Hemyock	9	16
Central FC	7	15
Tivvy Park Rangers	10	13
Elmore Reserves	10	13
Halwill Reserves	11	12
Dunkeswell Rovers	10	11
Stoke Hill	8	8
Hatherleigh Reserves	11	5
Silverton	12	5

D&E Div 7 (22)	Pld	Pts
Wellington Town 3rds	15	38
Cranbrook	11	28
Ilminster Town Res	11	28
Sidmouth Town 3rds	12	21
K&M Polonia Exeter	13	17
Exmouth Spartans	12	16
Woodbury Reserves	13	16
Seaton Town Reserves	12	14
Cheriton Fitzpaine	12	12
Bickleigh Reserves	9	7
Colyton Reserves	10	5
HT Dons	12	3

D&E Div 8 (22)	Pld	Pts
Upottery Reserves	10	25
Bravehearts	10	24
Axminster Town 3rds	11	23
Newton Poppleford Res	12	20
Queen's Head	11	18
Kentisbeare Reserves	11	17
Bampton Reserves	9	13
Amory Green Rovers	12	13
Seven Stars Kennford	11	12
Lapford Reserves	10	10
Sandford Reserves	10	5
Bradninch	13	3

D&E Div 9 (18)	Pld	Pts
Witheridge 3rds	12	32
St Martins 3rds	10	24
Honiton Town 3rds	11	16
Chagford Reserves	10	15
Millwey Rise Reserves	8	24
Amory Green Reserves	12	13
Tedburn St Mary Res	11	13
East Budleigh Reserves	9	11
Central FC Reserves	11	9
Feniton 3rds	12	4

Perry Street Prem (20)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	9	25
Shepton Beauchamp	8	20
South Petherton	8	17
Winsham Utd	9	16
Barrington	7	15
Misterton	8	13
W & M Chinnock	8	9
Chard Utd	7	8
Netherbury	9	3
Combe Reserves	7	2*
Drimpton	10	0

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Merriott Rovers	6	14
Forton Rangers	7	14
Pymore	6	14
Hawkchurch Utd	5	10
Ilminster Town Colts	6	7
Shepton Beau Res	5	6
Uplyme	6	5
Combe A	5	4
Waytown Hounds	4	3
South Petherton Res	6	1

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	9	27
Farway Utd	10	20
Winsham Utd Res	9	19
Halstock	6	15
Charmouth	8	15
Thorncombe	10	8
Crewkerne Rangers	7	6
Dowlish & Donyatt	8	6
Kingsbury Episcopi	10	6
Chard Utd Reserves	7	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Forton Rangers Res	8	21
Uplyme Reserves	9	21
Misterton Reserves	8	20
Crewk Rangers Res	11	19
Ilminster Town A	10	15
Merriott Dynamos	8	13
Thorncombe Res	10	13
Lyme Regis Rovers	10	11
Farway Utd Res	11	10
Drimpton Reserves	7	9
Fivehead	9	9
Chard Rangers Res	11	8
Chard Utd All Stars	8	2*

Local swimmers excel at Taunton and Tiverton

SWIMMERS from Chard & District Swimming Club recently competed in the Taunton Deane & Milfield Meet and the Tiverton Sparkler Meet *writes Xanthe Dyer.*

There were many personal bests and country and regional qualifying times attained at both competitions.

Gold medals were achieved by; Esme Huntley, Grace Haskins, Xanthe Dyer and Grace Lambert, the latter also gaining an amazing total of four Regional Qualifying times over the two weekends.

Swimmers at Taunton Deane & Milfield were; Briana Barrand (12), Millie Downes (12) 2nd in 100m and 200m Breaststroke and 3rd in 50m breaststroke. Xanthe Dyer (14) 1st in 50m breast and 2nd in 100m breast, Esme Huntley (10) 1st in 200m back and 3rd in 50m back, Mia Huntley (12), Grace Lambert (11) 2nd in 50m breast and 3rd in 50 back, Henry Taswell (15) 3rd in 200m back, Catherine Webb (10).

The following weekend, 13 swimmers competed at Tiverton; Harrison Larcombe (9) 2nd in 50m butterfly, Catherine Webb (10) 3rd in the 50m and 200m breast, Esme Huntley (10) 1st in 200m bfly, Kaitlyn Flannigan (10) 2nd in 50m breast and 3rd in 50m and 200m free, Freddie Coles (11) 3rd in 50m and 100m free and 100m breast, Mia Porter (11), Grace Lambert (11) 1st in 100 individual medley, 100m breast and 50m and 100m free, Abbie Herbert (12), Jamie Porter (12) 3rd in 200m back, Oliver Bright (14) 2nd in 200m breast and 3rd in 200m free, Megan Herbert (14), Xanthe Dyer (14) 1st in 100m ind med, 100m breast and 100m bfly and 2nd in 200m breast and 100m free, Grace Haskins (16) 1st in 200m back and 3rd in 200m free.

Congratulations go to **Swimmers of the Month**; 11-year-old Grace Lambert for gaining a new regional qualifying time in the 50m backstroke, and nine year old Harrison Larcombe for being the boy gaining the most improvement points during the month.

If you are aged six+, can swim 25m (one length) confidently in front crawl, have reasonable skills in two other strokes and are interested in competitive swimming, visit www.chardswimmingclub.org.uk for more information about the club and coming along for a free trial.

Sessions are held at Flamingo Pool, Axminster, Cresta Pool Chard and Aqua Centre at Crewkerne.

netball honiton league

Top versus bottom games go to form

HI Q maintained their unbeaten record in Division One with a comfortable 58–22 win over Signs South West for whom faye Hawkins had a good game. Once again Laura French was the pick of the Hi Q players.

Flamingos also won convincingly beating Howden Hawks 55-9 Karen Hall and Rachel Larcombe for Flamingos and Hawks respectively were the star players.

A full complement of fixtures in Division Two saw Blackdown maintain their 100 percent record with a 40-22 victory against Swaggermamas.

Blackdown, with Teresa Sandeman in fine form, were in commanding form with a 36-14 lead going into the final period and the Mamas unlikely to get a point.

The final quarter saw the Mamas led by Karen Bennett outscore Blackdown for the first time in the game and to do enough to gain a point from the fixture.

Sidmouth Toucans held onto the top spot thanks to their 36-23 win over JD Tyres. Toucans took control in the second quarter and never looked back. Sarah Sparkes was the player of the game for Sidmouth whilst Tiffany Munt was the JD star.

Tip Top Trees had to work hard for their three points against a determined Beer Blazers, for whom both Gemma Langham and Steph Upson played well.

The Blazers took an early 10-5 lead before 3Ts drew level at half way, and then edged 24-22 up going into the final period. With Megan Gooding in her stride the Trees held out to win by 33-28, leaving Beer still looking for that elusive first victory.

The final game saw Otter Valley beat Pixies 29-18 in a close fought game. Emily Hardingham played well for Pixies whilst Alice Quick was the pick of the Valley.

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Hi Q	7	141	21
Flamingos	7	184	19
Sidmouth T Chicks	5	88	12
Otters	5	23	11
HNC Hot Shots	6	-26	11
F & P Panthers	6	-52	8
Signs SW	6	-160	3
Howden Hawks	6	-198	1

Division Two	Pld	GD	Pts
Sidmouth Toucans	9	93	25
Tip Top Trees	8	42	22
Blackdown	7	88	21
Otter Valley	7	54	15
JD Tyres	9	-4	12
Pixies	8	-75	10
Swaggermamas	9	-121	10
Beer Blazers	7	-77	5

running round-up

Ham Hill race is meaty challenge

AXE VALLEY RUNNERS
with Dave Mutter

BLUE skies and icy ground greeted the full entry of 243 runners for this year's Full Monty Cute race at Ham Hill.

Unfortunately Matt Clist rolled his ankle early on, impeding his normally speedy footwork.

Patrick Devine-Wright was first home of the AVRs finishing just over a minute behind the winner in 3rd place 1:10:32 followed by Matt Clist 7th, 1:13:21 and Terry Emmet 10th, 1:15:40. Matt Hewer 23rd in 1:22:49. Clare Hansford 56th (1st Vet 45) 1:29:30. Graham Newton (2nd vet 65) 62nd overall 1:31:10. Eleanor Wood 9th female (2nd Vet 55) 74th 1:34:06. John Larcombe 148th 1:48:23.

Collectively it was a very good day for the club, winning the first team prize made up of the top two male and female finishers, Patrick Devine-Wright, Matt Clist, Clare Hansford and Eleanor Wood.

Last Saturday's Seaton Park run was won by Rhys Goddard of Sittingbourne Harriers in 17:04, followed by AVR's Garry Perratt 2nd, 18:22 and Honiton RC's Adam Hennessey 3rd, 19:20.

◆ **ALL SET:** Chard Road Runners pictured before the Ham Hill-based Fyll Monty Cute race,from left; Helen Baxter, Gavin Wyatt, Wayne Loveridge. Martin Holly, Simon Hall and Bernie Genge

The Park Runs are not just about winners, but for anyone of any pace to enjoy and free to enter.

The next event is on Saturday at 9am at Seaton sea front. See www.parkrun.org.uk for more details.

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS
with Paul Masters

HEADING off to the frosty grounds of the Crewkerne Road Runners' annual Full Monty-Cute 10 mile Trail Race, the start being on the peaks of Ham Hill this race is set up as a Hilly challenge from start to finish.

Results; Wayne Loveridge 2nd (260) in 01h 09m 03s, improving on his previous PB for the course by seven minutes Martin Holley hit the line in 01h 22m 36s 22/260.

Gavin Wyatt 72/260 and in 01h 33m 49s, Bernie Genge 01h 40m 46s 108/260, Simon Hall 02h 06m 02s 217/260 and Helen Baxter 02h 06m 21s 218/260.

hockey chard

Energetic students made to battle for win

Chard A 0 Exeter University F 2

A SECOND consecutive defeat for Chard Seconds, but this time there was no shame in it.

The team battled hard against opponents who dominated possession for long periods based on their inevitable advantage in terms of youthful energy and speed of movement.

There could be no faulting the physical effort made, with captain James Spurdle, Nick Parkinson and Mike Lane outstanding in competing for everything in the middle of the pitch.

Two first half goals were the difference, the first from one of many penalty corners, the second a scrappy affair shortly before the interval.

Otherwise, the combination of keeper Richard Green and resolute defending kept Chard in with a chance. Having had little in the way of goal scoring opportunities in the first half, Chard started the second with a declaration of intent, Justin Green shooting just wide.

Green would have other chances alongside those of Trevor Goss and Gary Wheaton as the half progressed and Chard tested University's defence.

There was no denying the visitors deserved their win but Chard will take encouragement from their defensive resilience.

Thanks to umpires Jim Sainsbury and Andy Swain and to match sponsor Tom Eames (*Loads of Logs*).

Chard *R Green, N Liggins, A Critchley, P Tratt, S Mahoney, J Spudle (capt), J Goddard, N Parkinson, G Wheaton, J Green, T Goss, M Lane, T Eames.*

ilminster angling

Double for Charles

THERE were 20 Ilminster AA members on the River Isle for the Christmas Fayre match on Sunday but after a week of heavy frosts, the river was painfully low and clear and after the leading weights, quite a few anglers struggled.

Justin Charles won his second match on the trot with five big chub for 18lb from peg 108 at Redbridge. Steve Hurford was second with a bag of roach weighing 8lb from Hambridge and Jamie Rich was third with 6lb 12oz of chublets from peg 14 at Upper Coxes.

The club would like to thank Steve and Cindy at the Royal Oak, Ilminster for a fantastic meal, Rob Cox for organising a great match and John Dursley from Enterprise Angling for donating a prize.

The next Royal Oak match is on Sunday, the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

Result; 1 – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 18lb, 2 – Steve Hurford (Ilminster) – 8lb, 3 – Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) – 6lb 12oz, 4 – Stuart Aplin (Ilminster) – 6lb 9oz, 5 – Rob Cox (Ilminster) – 5lb 14oz.

on the fronter around the local skittles leagues

Colyton

Div 1: Honiton Con D 331 (J Richards 60) Gerrard A 389 (M Johnson 72); Tuckers Arms B 395 (R Hawkins 80) Red Lion Cavaliers 380 (M Summers 74); Axminster Con A 340 (T Wellman 65) Vine B 354 (K Gush 72); Red Lion A 391 (S Flint 76) Seaton FC A 370 (M French 72); Cloakham B 345 (M Enticott 70) Colyton Club A 360 (R Tedbury 65); Lamb A 33 (S Pomeroy 63) New Inn A 340 (R Webb 61); Colcombe A 451 (G Parsons 85) Lamb B 453 (M Pidgeon 91);

Div 2; Honiton WMC A 341 (G Chandler 60) Honiton Converts 336 (S Lapping, A Down 60); Volunteer A 318 (T Williams 61) Ship C 317 (V Trivett 60); Offwell A 381 (B Grant 73) Colcombe Beerboys 374 (P White 70); Kings Arms Beers 343 (J Gladstone 69) Sidbury Stones 356 (P Barham 70); Dolphin Vikings 385 (A Parkhouse 74) Eagle Tavern 353 (B Hutchings 67); Gerrard B drew with Wheelwright A

Div 3; Sidbury Village Inn 357 (G Ruck 69) Mountbatten Whites 339 (S Bonetta 63); Vine Nomads 344 (G Norman 65) Wilmington Harts 330 (J Woollacott 62); White Hart B 346 (D Etherington 63) Three Tuns BTP 323 (A Deen 64); Red Lion Sidbury 323 (N Barrett 59) Cloakham Wanderers 323 (C Coulson 61); Ship A 343 (P Ives 65) Volunteer B 388 (S Holsworthy 78);

Div 4; New Inn B 331 (D Hodder 69) Tuckers Arms C 289 (R Dare 58); Heathfield A 345 (A Doble 67) Honiton Con A 355 (G Mills 62); Honiton ConArtists 362 (M Joslin 65) Rising Sun A 365 (R Parsons 66); Seaton FC B 345 (D Park 71) Kings Arms A 376 (K Tozer 80); Winstons A 354 (D Gammon 61) Honiton Wmc B 351 (P Heely 62);

Div 5; Seaton Bowling 289 (Barbara Thompson 54) White Hart A 275 (A Knight 54); Colyton Club B 342 (W Richards 61) Heatfield B 303 (Marion Fletcher 53); Colcombe Nomads 388 (P Easter 80) Winstons KOOTS 370 (J Miles 68); Kingfisher B 282 (D Strawbridge, B Dowell 51) Sidmouth Arms Kings 283 (S Fuller 56); Tuckers Arms D 324 (D Bennett 69) Dolphin B 325 (G Westlake, R Westlake 58).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Red Lion Cavs	10	16
Gerrard A	10	15
New Inn A	10	14
Vine B	10	14
Axe Con A	10	13
Tuckers Arms B	10	11
Seaton AFC A	10	10
Colyton Club A	10	9
Honiton Con D	10	8
Lamb B	10	8
Red Lion A	10	8
Colcombe A	10	6
Cloakham B	10	4
Lamb A	10	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Offwell A	10	16
Volunteer A	10	16
Sidbury SC Stones	10	14
Vine A	9	12
Dolphin Vikings	10	12
Colcombe Beerboys	10	9
Honiton WMC A	10	9
Ship C	10	9
Gerrard B	10	9
Honiton Converts	10	8
Wheelwright A	10	8
Eagle Tavern	10	6
Kings Arms Beers	10	6
Tuckers Arms A	9	4

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Cloakham Wanderers	9	14
Volunteer B	9	12
Sidbury Village Inn	9	11
Mountbatten Whites	8	10
White Hart B	9	10
Wilmington Harts	9	10
Three Tuns BTP	9	8
Vine Nomads	8	7
Kingfisher A	8	6
Red Lion Sidbury	8	5
Colcombe B	8	4
Ship A	8	4

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Rising Sun A	8	14
Kings Arms A	8	12
Honiton WMC B	8	11
Winstons	9	11
Heathfield A	8	10
New Inn B	9	9
Axe Inn A	7	8
Rising Sun B	9	8
Tuckers Arms C	10	6
Honiton Con A	8	5
Seaton AFC B	8	4
Honiton Con Artists	8	2

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Nomads	9	18
Colyton Club B	8	12
Sidmouth Arms Kings	8	12
Offwell Rejects	9	12
Seaton Bowling	9	10
Winstons Koots	9	10
Kingfisher B	8	8
Dolphin B	8	8
Heathfield B	8	4
White Hart A	8	4
Tuckers Arms D	8	2
Honiton Con Raiders	8	0

Axminster

Div 1; Green Army 367 (R Turl 66) Tuckers C 368 (T Board 75) Old Inn Kilm A 362 (M Collier 70) Thorncombe Drifters 350 (T Rudkin 69) Thorncombe B 391 (M Boulton, S Staples, M Turner 68) Sidmouth Arms 346 (J Rich 74) Red Devils 389 (B Huntley 72) Red Lion D 392 (D Herbert 75) Lamb Spartans 342 (S Hall 65) Wootton Cowboys 327 (A Strawbridge 62).

Div 2; Tuckers Maggots 330 (C Hembrow 64) New Inn C 371 (R Webb 81) Wootton Sherberts 323 (J Chapman 59) Lamb A 317 (G Smith 67) Colcombe A 420 (V Trivett, M Bright 75) WH Warriors 451 (B Dormer 89).

Div 3; Kings Arms Seaton 356 (K Massey, G Copp 65) v King Wingers 324 (W Curnoe 63) Axe Con A 303 (A Thomas 57) Axe Inn B 317 (J Trott 60) Axe Inn A 363 (S Fifer 71) WH Wilm B 303 (S Herrin 55) Ax FC Halfcuts 405 (I Strawbridge 76) Ax FC B 394 (R Smith 74) Ax FC IV 411 (J Mitcham 74) Ax FC A 382 (M Boniface 72).

Div 4; Lamb Shanks 307 (R Lancashire 60) Gerrard C 297 (R Warren 55) Ship Rotary 340 (J Brennan 64) Tuckers Y 342 (R Pearse 65) Bottle Inn 328 (P Wallis 75) Seaton BC 323 (F Thomas 61) WH Colyford 329 Colcombe Nomads 364 (B Sheddon 65) Winston Wobblers 355 New Inn Hawks 355 (D Rowe 66).

Division One	Pld	Pts
B & Gs	10	20
Thorncombe B	11	16
Ax Con Club Rebels	10	16
Lamb Spartans	11	16
Red Lion Red Devils	11	12
Wooton Cowboys	11	10
Tuckers C	11	10
Sidmouth Arms (Upottery)	11	10
Old Inn Kilmington A	11	10
The Feds (Kingfisher)	10	8
Red Lion D	11	8
Thorncombe Drifters	11	6
Green Army	11	6
Gerrard D	10	2

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Thorncombe A	10	16
Thorncombe C	10	16
Axe Inn Jokers	10	16
Wooton Sherberts	11	16
Tuckers Maggots	11	12
New Inn Kilmington C	11	10
Cloakham Stars	10	10
Colcombe A	11	10
White Hart Warriors	10	8
Red Lion C	9	8
New Inn Kilmington A	10	8
White Hart Wilmington A	10	8
Gerrard A	10	4
Lamb A	11	2

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Axminster Inn B	9	14
Axminster Halfcuts	10	14
Old Inn Kilmington B	9	12
Axminster FC IV	9	12
Gerrard B	9	12
Kings Arms Seaton A	10	10
Axminster FC A	11	10
Axminster Inn A	10	10
Axe Con Club A	8	8
King Wingers	8	6
Axminster FC B	10	6
White Hart Wilmington B	9	6
Colcombe B	10	2

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Lamb 49s	10	15
Seaton Bowling Club	9	12
Lamb Shanks	10	12
New Inn Hawks	10	12
Bev's Boys	7	12
Kingfisher A	10	10
Colcombe Nomads	9	10
Winston Wobblers	10	9
Ship Rotary	9	8
Bottle Inn	9	8
Gerrard C	9	4
Tuckers Y	9	4
White Hart Colyford	7	2

Ladies League Nov 28th

Div 1; Gerrard Guzzlers 304 (P Berry 55) New Inn A 319 (P Hurford 62) Axe Inn A 351 (R Critchard 70) Red Lion A 287 (J Flint 57) Colcombe A 375 (S Foxwell 68) Rousdon Ladies 407 (G Gabb 76) Bees Knees 354 (K Lloyd-Hughes 65) Seaton BC 356 (D Morley, L Hurley-Smith 63) Thorncombe Newtops 305 (M Fursman 65) Wotnots 307 (A Williams 58).

Div 2; WH Wilm A 343 (M Jefferies S Laflin 62) Cloakham A 304 (A Ellis 58) B&Js Cloakham 324 (A Dredge 57) Axe Inn Allsorts 323 (W Graham 62) Tuckers B 327 (D Jowett 62) Colcombe Angels 315 (S Gush 59) Ax FC Battleaxes 380 (S Bennett 78) Thorncombe A 344 (B Harding 77) Seaton FC 316 (S Smart 71) Tuckers A 321 (L Ross 60).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	9	16
Wotnots	9	16
Seaton Bowling Club	9	14
Colcombe Girls	9	12
Rousdon Ladies	10	9
Red Lion A	9	8
Colcombe A	9	8
Bees Knees	10	7
New Inn A	9	7
Gerrard Guzzlers	9	7
New Inn B	8	4
Thorncombe Newtops	10	2

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Tuckers Arms B	10	14
White Hart Wilmington A	11	14
Cloakham A	10	12
Gerrard A	10	12
Colcombe B	10	11
Battle Axes	10	11
Tuckers Arms A	10	10
B & Js	10	10
Seaton FC	9	10
Thorncombe A	9	6
Red Lion Rabble	9	6
Colcombe Angels	10	6
Axe Inn Allsorts	10	6

Crewkerne & District

President's Cup round of 16; Royal Chokers 264 Skimmers 244, Rugrats 255 Brewers Bees 264, Perrott Monkeys 247 Raptors 239, Sports 92 259 Headhunters 214, Chis Colts 266 Hillbillies 256, Rotary 248 Lost Boys 302, Super Sexy Six 245 Mighty Ducks 235, Concorde 282 Coachmen 233.

President's Plate round of 16; Stray Cats 224 Football Club 233, Likely Lads 251 Admital 6 291, Sandbaggers 241 DBST 274, Royal Oak 246 Odd Bobs 279, Pinbusters 232 Kings Men 203, Muppets 294 King Willy Dogs 272, Ugly Ducklings 267 Rollers 260, Loud & Proud 214 Willy Low Flyers 233.

East Devon Hunt

Division One	Pld	Pts
Culm Vale	11	18
Marvels	10	14
Blacksmiths	8	12
Honiton Clyst	10	12
Talaton	11	12
Foxenhole	10	11
Sutton Wanderers	10	10
Marsh Green	9	8
Ur Arrs	9	8
Stags	10	8
Night Owls	9	7
Auctioneers	10	6
Upottery	8	4
Sidford	9	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Jack's Lads	9	14
Latecomers	9	14
A Team	10	14
Keepers	9	12
Zulu Warriors	9	11
Cocks & Hens	8	10
Top Cats	9	10
Breakaways	9	8
Perkins Village	7	7
Awliscombe Shoot	8	7
Tuckers Arms	9	4
Brooksiders	10	3
Bakers 8	10	2

Division Three	Pld	Pts
New Inn	9	16
Golftops	9	12
Broadclyst	9	10
Guys & Gals	9	10
Bashers	5	8
Yetties	7	8
Here for the Beer	8	8
Alley Cats	9	8
Cee Dee's	10	8
Maynards	6	6
Axe Valley	9	6
Yoyo's	9	6
Earth Stoppers	7	0

Top Scores; Roger Carter (Broadclyst) 87, Jim Summerhayes (Upottery) 86.

tee off golf news

Kenworthy crowned top Axe Cliff lady

HONITON *with John Pawley*
THE club's mixed group played their monthly drawn Greensomes competition with 24 players taking part.

The overnight frost meant that temporary greens were in play. For the second month running Sue Ritchie was a winner of the Centenary Chivers Goblets, with 37 points, and this time with Brian Morrison. In second were Maureen Tollemache & Paul Ritchie with 33 on count-back from Penny Blackburn & Laurie Tollemache.

Last Friday the Seniors took part in an individual Stableford combined with the second round of the Winter Eclectic competition. Despite temporary greens throughout – or perhaps because of them and the consequent shortening of the holes – scoring was exceptionally good.

In Division One Chris Street topped the list with 40pts with John Frith second on the same score. Dave Morgan was next on 39 with Mike Stroud fourth on 38 and David Woodruff fifth with 37.

Tom Stanton prevailed in Division Two with 39, a score also achieved by second-placed Rod Armitage. Bill Phillips was third with 38, Mike Delaney was fourth – also on 38, and Bob Underwood claimed fifth place with 37. There were two 2s – Ted Chandler on the second and Mike Delaney on the seventh.

◆ TOP TWO: Brian Morrison and Sue Ritchie

AXE CLIFF *with Peter Motson*
STEVE Bond & Simon Wellington just pipped Dave Morgan & Alan Cooper in a tightly contested final to become 2016 Axe Cliff Golf Club Men's section Foursomes Champions.

In one of the most testing formats in golf, each team play one ball per pair, each player taking alternate shots with the one ball. A fine tee shot by one partner can be ruined by the other player miss-hitting the second shot into a hazard.

Morgan & Cooper were in front right up to 14th hole when a poor hole for both pairs was won by Bond & Wellington with a bogey four. Pars on the 15th and the difficult feature hole 16th were enough to take Bond & Wellington two up with two to play.

In a shaky 17th hole for both parties, Wellington & Bond halved the hole which was good enough to win the match 2&1.

The **Ladies** section played the second of their Winter League matches over 15 holes, stableford format. Helen Kenworthy came first with an excellent 30 points. Second place went to a count-back between Stella Thompson who was placed runner up with 26 points from Sandra Walker who was placed third.

Later, the ladies held their Presentation evening followed by a Christmas meal. Helen Kenworthy won the Ladies Golfer of the Year and Anne Jarvis the Most Improved Handicap.

The **Seniors**' section played the third round of their Winter League matches which was won by Mike Jamieson & Rob Grove with a round of 37 points. In second were Alan Vincent & Tony Horton with 35 and David Lacey & Peter Hornsby were third. Alan Morgan carded the only two.

CRICKET ST THOMAS
with Bert Robinson
SIXTY members from the Seniors and

◆ WINNERS: Steve Bond and Simon Wellington

the Ladies section entered the recent Christmas Cracker tournament when 20 teams of one lady and two men contested a best two from three format.

In brilliant sunshine, the golfers enjoyed the conditions in what was Ladies Captain Barbara Wilton final event after her two years in the post. A total of £228 was raised which is to be split between the chosen charities of the Men's and Ladies sections.

Result: 1st Hanna Jacobson; Bob Barrow & John McOmish 71 points, 2nd Ruth Dowell; Norman Markby & Malcolm Roy 70, 3rd Paula Bowles; John Wandless & Chris Denman 70.

Meanwhile, 30 Seniors attended the three man "all to count" competition last Wednesday.

Conditions were cold and frosty and the event was played utilising temporary greens, which made scoring easier on the shortened course.

Result: 1st Alan Chance; George Wallace & Nick George 111 points, 2nd Nick Gabb; Nobby Hodder & Roger Stone 110, 3rd Bert Robinson; John Pearce & Clive Fisk 108.

Having cancelled the Turkey Trot competition due to the bad weather on Friday, 24 Seniors opted for a best two from three Bowmaker event. Once again, the shortened course made for exaggerated scoring.

Result: 1st Fred Oliver; David Taylor & George Wallace 91 points, 2nd Jerry Stephens; Andy Beale & Mike King 89.

crib round-up

HONITON

RESULTS; Blacksmith Arms 6 Feniton Soc B 2, Honiton Inn A 3 Feniton Soc A 5, New Fountain 4 Vine Inn B 4,Vine Inn A 2 Thirsty Farmer 6, Workingmens B 4 Workingmens A 4.

Captains Cup; Audrey Hawkins 0 Brenda Flood 1, Julie Bath 1 Mike Dent 0, Julie Davis 0 Lorraine White 1, Lionel Hawkins 1 Hedley Hawkins 0, Steve Pettitt 0 Maureen Pendrick 1.

Fixtures (Dec 8th); Feniton Soc B v Honiton Inn B, Honiton Inn A v Blacksmith Arms, Thirsty Farmer v Workingmens B, Vine Inn B v Feniton Soc A, Workingmens A v New Fountain. .

Table	Pld	Pts
Blacksmiths Arms	12	60
New Fountain	12	55
Vine Inn B	12	53
Workingmens A	12	50
Workingmens B	12	49
Vine Inn A	12	46
Feniton Social A	12	43
Thirsty Farmer	12	43
Feniton Social B	11	41
Honiton Inn B	11	41
Honiton Inn A	12	39

Captain's Cup	Pld	Pts
Lionel Hawkins	12	11
Hedley Hawkins	12	7
Lorraine White	12	7
Maureen Pendrick	11	6
Rita Freemantle	11	6
Julie Davis	12	6
Julie Bath	12	5
Brenda Flood	12	5
Mike Dent	12	5
Audrey Hawkins	12	4
Steve Pettitt	12	3

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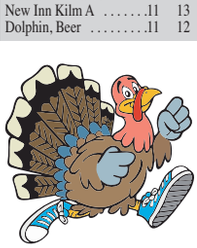
Results (*November 28th*); New Inn Kilm A 3 Charlie's Angels 2, Nags Head LR 4 Ship Inn LR 1, Stepps 2 Dolphin Beer 3, Talbot Arms 4 Lamb Swans 1, Gerrard Arms 1 Axminster Con Club 4.

Beer League; New Inn Kilm A 2 Charlie's Angels 1, Nags Head LR 2 Ship Inn LR 1, Stepps 3 Dolphin Beer 0, Talbot Arms 1 Lamb Swans 2, Gerrard Arms 2 Axminster Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Dec 12th); New Inn Kilm A v Talbot Arms, Nags Head LR v Gerrard Arms, Charlie's Angels v Lamb Swans, Stepps v New Inn Kilm B, Ship Inn LR v Axminster Con Club.

Table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	11	37
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	32
Gerrard Arms	11	29
Dolphin, Beer	11	29
Axminster Con Club	11	28
New Inn Kilm A	11	27
Lamb Swans	11	26
Stepps	11	26
Ship Inn, LR	10	24
Charlie's Angels	11	24
New Inn Kilm B	9	13

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	11	21
Charlie's Angels	11	19
New Inn Kilm B	9	18
Lamb Swans	11	17
Stepps	11	17
Ship Inn, LR	10	16
Gerrard Arms	11	16
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	15
Axminster Con Club	11	13
New Inn Kilm A	11	13
Dolphin, Beer	11	12



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Big scalp for Thomas

THE individual performance of the week came from John Thomas (Chard Casuals) who managed to take two frames from Colyton TC's A graded player.

The result gave the Chard team eight bonus points which lifted them up to third in the table. Last seasons champions continue to pull away from the chasing pack with Ben Pike registering two breaks of 50.

Results (*November 29th*); Colyton TC 2+0 Chard Casuals 4+8, Honiton Wonderers 5+0 Sidmouth Cons 1+2, Colyton Feds 4+0 Honiton WMC 2+2.

League table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	6	33
Colyton Feds	5	18
Chard Casuals	5	14
Colyton TC	5	12
Colyton ExCons	5	12
Honiton WMC	5	10
Sidmouth Cons	5	7

Bruce Miller Cup	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	6	33
Colyton Feds	5	22
Chard Casuals	5	22
Honiton WMC	5	18
Colyton TC	5	16
Sidmouth Cons	5	15
Colyton ExCons	5	12

darts colyton & district

RESULTS (1001/Pairs first): **Week 10**: Dolphin A 4(5) Dolphin B 1(1); Royal Clarence A 0(0) Halesy's Bar B 5(6);. Vault A 3(3) Kings Arms 2(3); Kingfisher B 2(5) Golden Hind 3(1).
Highest Finishes: 142 Jamie McLennan (Kings Arms); Mark Edworthy 120 (Dolphin A); 112 Bobby Carless (Kingfisher B); 100 Paul Smith (Golden Hind)..
180s: Dave Hales (Halesy's Bar B). **9-Dart Leg**: Jamie McLennan (Kings Arms).

1001 pairs Tucker Cup	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	8	33
Halesy's Bar B	8	31
Kings Arms	9	28
Dolphin A	9	26
Vault A	8	23
Golden Hind	8	21
Kingfisher B	8	20
Kingfisher A	7	15
Dolphin B	7	13
Vault B	7	13
Clarence A	6	4
New Inn	7	3

Singles – Maundrill Cup	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	8	37
Halesy's Bar B	8	35
Dolphin A	9	33
Kings Arms	9	33
Vault A	8	27
Kingfisher B	8	23
Kingfisher A	7	20
Vault B	7	20
Golden Hind	8	18
Dolphin B	7	12
New Inn	7	10
Clarence A	6	8

chard & district

Premier Division	Pld	Pts
Rejects Return	4	79
High 4 & a Half	3	60
Hobnobs	5	59
BDBs	3	41
Crusaders	3	40
Happy Sharks	3	29
Wanderers	2	24
Hopefuls	3	22

Most 180s; S.Rutter & L.Cox both x3, G.Knight & P.Lawrence both x2, Five players x1

Division One	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	5	61
Down's	5	58
Pop Darts	5	57
Pirates	5	44
Random Tossers	4	40
Nice Ricks	4	35
Cult of Personality	4	34
PAs	4	32
Pig Jockeys	4	29

Most 180s; S.Castle x2, nine players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
HRT	5	65
Happy Days	5	50
Madhouse Crew	4	46
No skill, just lucky	3	29
Stumpy's Gang	3	29
Dizzy Tarts	3	28
The Haymaker	4	22
Two minute crew	3	18

Most 180s; A.Pidgeon x1

jack high bowls round-up

Windsor in regal form in nationals

HONITON *with Julie Grant*
HONITON Ladies had success in the first round of the national triples knockout Vivienne competition.

Last week they played TORBAY, two rinks home, two away and won 76–47. Best triple were Thelma Flynn, Carol Armitage & Daphne Courtney who won away 24–11.

The men had success in the ICL winning overall by 20 shots and on three of the four rinks against DAWLISH.

The ladies played a new contest called the ISCA challenge. Playing on four rinks away they lost on two but won one and drew one. The challenge will be completed later in the season when ISCA come to Honiton.

In the mixed friendlies TAUNTON DEANE came to Honiton and won convincingly 90–57. Honiton's one winning rink was Liz Fielding, Fred Dart, George Kille 7 Cyril Dann 19–18. Against FENITON, Honiton won 85–54, top rink Thelma Flynn, Richard Bland & Cyril Dann 29–14.

AXMINSTER *with David Harris*
THE Ladies were unlucky to lose their recent County Lanes match against MID DEVON 65–71.

The home rink of Angela Rattenbury, Janet Parsons & Judith Moffitt won by just two shots whilst the other home rink of Brenda Edwards, Alison Glyde, & Margaret Crompton and the away rink of Sue Bond, Philippa White & Ann Clayton both lost by just two shots. The other away rink of Jo Barnish, Gill Campbell & Jean Kesterton lost by four shots.

In the mixed friendlies we had mixed results. First we lost 55–67 at MADEIRA with only Brian Smith, Anne Burn, Neil Solomon & Bob Sherborne managing a win (22–18).

Next we beat TAUNTON BC 71–54 at home with wins for John Packham, Barbara Mowatt, Nigel Bond & Budgie Hallowes (31–18) and Morrison Brown, Chelsea Maher, Ann Clayton & Les Clark (23–17). Lastly we lost 41–59 at home to DONYATT losing on all rinks.

In the **National KO competitions** James Windsor got through to the second round of the Under 18s with a splendid win at Yeovil against Jamie Day by two sets to nil (21–0) and (19–3).

At senior level our mixed fours side of Phil White, John Hill, David Harris & Ann Clayton got through the first round with a good win at Dorchester but lost at Moonfleet (Weymouth) in the second.

Likewise in the mixed pairs Phil White & David Harris won at home in the first round but lost away to a Dorchester pair in the second.

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*
LAST Tuesday Ilminster had two teams in action in the over 60s double rink; the A team played STREET A in a one rink home and one away format.

Street proved too strong winning on both rinks and by 47–18. Details: Away, Des Maull, Dave Pugh, Roger Lench & Barry Sims 11–30; Home, Steve Peasland, Ken Parker, John Mitchell & Rod Parkin 7–17.

The B team won on both rinks and by 45–31 against WESTON ST ANDREWS. Details: Home, Gerry Morris, Kevin Hamilton, Chris Robinson & Paul Denslow 26–17; Away, Alan Holt, Eric Keitch, Rowland Garland & Will Anderson 19–14. Ilminster B now play Street A in the next round.

On Saturday Ilminster Ladies were home to MINEHEAD in the Optica, a pairs, triples and fours competition with Ilminster winning all rinks. Details: Pairs, Alison Atyeo & Monica Woodland 27–10; Triples – Sarah lightfoot, Sue Spurway & Maureen Mitchell 31–11; Fours – Myra Childs, Christine Davies, Dot Whelan & Ann Truscott 29–12.

Sunday brought the visit of CHARDSTOCK for a three rink mixed friendly. Ilminster won on two of the three rinks. Details: Sue Donavon, Dave Cox, John Waddell & Tony Bickle 18 John Rolph 31; Steve Peasland, John Pemberton, Hilary Leamon & Colin Osborne 37 Ann Sebright 8; Brian Welch, Joan Gratrix, Dave Crouch & Roger Lench 30 Simon Hatcliffe 5.

rugby chard

Depleted Chard fail to build on victory

North Petherton 36 Chard 24
South West Division One

AFTER the terrific win against high flying Newent the previous weekend, Chard Rugby Club were hoping for another win at North Petherton on Saturday but sadly it was not to be *writes Glyn Hughes*.

Unfortunately, owing to sickness and injury, Chard lost the services of four of the team that had played against Newent and had to bring in coach Simon Jenkins for his first game of the season to try and bolster the front row which had to be completely rebuilt for this match.

Right from the off the aggressive and well drilled Petherton forwards showed that they would be a handful, particularly in loose play, and following some excellent driving mauls, set up a converted try for Jack Kohler who scored under the posts after only five minutes.

Chard were soon back in the game when they ran the ball from a penalty and Will Hopkinson drove over for a try which was converted from wide out on the left by Oesmani.

Midway through the half the home side scored their second converted try when Chard were again unable to stop their drive to the line, this was again converted so Petherton led 14-7

Chard were guilty of giving away a number of penalties and, with the ground gained from kicking to touch, Petherton crossed for their third try which was not converted.

Soon after the restart Chard were awarded a penalty kick as result of a high dangerous tackle and Oesmani drilled the ball between the uprights to make the half time score 19-10

As well as conceding a number of penalties Chard had been making other basic errors, particularly not being able to secure and keep the ball in key situations, and in their general handling.

They were given a harsh lesson direct from the restart in the second half when they failed to secure the kick off and Petherton crossed for their fourth and bonus point try.

For a short time things went from bad to worse for Chard as they had a player sent to the bin for a deliberate knock-on and from the resultant penalty Kohler crossed for his second try which was again converted.

North Petherton were at this stage well on top and scored another try in dubious circumstances as a home player clearly lost the ball as he was about to touch down. The referee, who had had a very good game, was unsighted but accepted the word of the home touch judge who said it was a fair score!

This seemed to spark Chard and they had their best spell the final quarter when Jenkins and Oesmani scored two converted tries.

The Chard backs are clearly now a lot stronger but this has coincided with the forwards not being able to dominate the exchanges up front and the injury to vice captain Luke Aplin is a big blow.

However, the effort of the players can not be doubted and next Saturday they have a really big game at home to OKEHAMPTON (2.15pm ko).

The **2nd and 3rd xv** games were postponed because there were no referees available.

Next Saturday the 2nd xv are away at TOR and the 3rd xv are away at WINCANTON.

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◆ **TEAMWORK:** Axminster Town's Luke Finn and Ben Vine combine to try and win possession in Saturday's 3–1 Devon Premier cup defeat by Newtown, see inside. *Photo by ANDREW GRAHAM*

◆ **TOP NIGHT:** There was a good turnout of members at Chardstock Bowling Club's annual presentation evening held the Ridgeway Inn. *Photo by JON PRATT*

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